

I Kings 10:9

by Chuck Smith

The sermon emphasizes the importance of living out our faith through good works that glorify God and reflect His wisdom in our lives.

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 5:16, Luke 11:33, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Ephesians 2:10, Philippians 2:15, Colossians 3:23-24, James 1:17, 1 Peter 2:9

Topics: "Christian Witness", "Glorifying God"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the significance of being a light for Christ, drawing parallels from the visit of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon, who exemplified wisdom and the blessings of God. He highlights that true Christians should naturally reflect their faith through good works that glorify God, rather than seeking personal recognition. Smith warns against the futility of claiming to be a Christian without embodying the essence of Christianity, urging believers to let their light shine brightly in the world. He encourages the use of God-given gifts in a way that directs glory back to God, rather than to oneself.

Transcript

Intro: Visit of Queen from journey of 1500 miles. Came in quest of

wisdom. Her visit alluded to by Christ. Her astonishment of

Solomon-Wisdom. "he told her all her questions" "House that he

built, the meat of his table, 10 fat oxen, 20 oxen from fields,

100 sheep plus harts, bucks, & fallow deer and fatted fowl."

I. "BLESSED BY THE LORD THY GOD."

A. "Let your light so shine before men."

1. Christ established Christian as a light.

2. A light has one essential element.

a. That it give forth light.

b. When that one essential element missing light is worthless.

c. Nothing more worthless than person who takes the name of a Christian yet lacks the nature & essential element of Christianity.

3. Christ told of difficulty or folly of hiding light.

a. City set on hill cannot be hid.

b. Do not light candle & put under bushel.

c. The Christian as a light is going to be obvious.

d. A true conversion experience is bound to show.

e. How is it to show?

4. "Let your light so shine."

a. That when men see your good works they will glorify God.

1. There is a way of doing things that draws attention to me.

2. Christ spoke of Pharisee when he gave... prayed... fasted.

3. Innate desire to be recognized.

4. Some in exercising vocal gifts of spirit (your prayers cannot heal--God heals in answer to).

5. Relating spiritual victories -- "My prayer."

B. Solomon very gifted man -- God had granted special wisdom.

1. Naturalist Botanist Zoologist.

2. Prolific writer 1005 songs 3000 proverbs.

3. Not the least of his gifts was the ability to so manifest this gift of God that people glorified God the source and not the man, the instrument.

a. Should people say to me.. "You are a marvelous teacher".. Oh God, where am I failing?

b. should one say. "God has given you a gift of teaching" Thank you Father.

c. Beware when anyone comes to you and says "You are so wonderful."

May we so live that our lives glorify Christ So use our talents as to glorify God.

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