1 Kings 3:16-28 – Solomon's Wisdom

The three rules of proper Bible interpretation: The three "C's"

How did Solomon become so wise? (1 Kings 2:5-14)

The big question: Is the wisdom of God with the King or not? Is he truly God's anointed King? Are God's promises true? Is God still with the nation of Israel?

Explaining chapter 3:16-22

Solomon's judgment: vs. 23-27

The fear of Solomon: vs. 28

Greater gospel meaning found in the wisdom of Solomon:

- Covenantal promises of God
- Solomon as a figure type of Christ
- Solomon's wisdom reflects Jesus' wisdom
- Solomon's justice reflects God's justice

What is real justice? Real justice is **God's judgment**, by **God's truth**, under **God's rule**.