

## Introduction

God made Solomon the wisest of men (1 Kings 4:29), so these studies look at how God's Wisdom impacted him. When Solomon became the third king of Israel (1 Kings 1), it shows how 'Making God's Will a Priority' is essential to receiving God's Wisdom and Blessing.

### 1.     **The PROMISE**    **(1 Kings 1:28-31)**

*"The king then took an oath: "As surely as the Lord lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble, I will surely carry out this very day what I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel: Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne in my place.""* (1 Kings 1:29-30 NIV).

In 1 & 2 Samuel, David is presented as a strong, active, and a majestic king. But 1 Kings starts with a shocking statement. *"Now King David was old and advanced in years. And although they covered him with clothes, he could not get warm."* (1 Kings 1:1 ESV).

David was about 70 years old and in the twilight years of a glorious reign.

Adonijah was David's fourth son; the oldest son still living, and the one people thought would succeed his father. So, with the king effectively out of action, and with the assumption that he was heir to the throne, Adonijah conspired to make himself king.

*"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honour."* (James 4:10 NLT).

Sadly, instead of humbling himself before God, Adonijah promoted himself. Pride and Wisdom are generally seen as opposites.

David had promised Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, that Solomon would follow him as the king of Israel. Nathan the prophet knew about this promise and knew that God's plan was that Solomon would be the next king. Hearing the news about Adonijah, David made a solemn promise that Solomon would be the next king.

The phrase translated *"As surely as the Lord lives"* (v.29) is the most sincere and formal vow that anyone could make. Before God, David declared Solomon as king. It was the greatest promise that David could make.

We live in a world that is full of worry, anxiety, and fear. But God had made a promise to us.

*"Do not fear [anything], for I am with you; Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, be assured I will help you; I will certainly take hold of you with My righteous right hand [a hand of justice, of power, of victory, of salvation]."* (Isaiah 41:10 AMP).

This is God's greatest promise to us – and God always keeps His promises.

### 2.     **The PREPARATION**    **(1 Kings 1:32-37)**

*"Then King David ordered, "Call Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada." When they came into the king's presence, the king said to them, "Take Solomon and my officials down to Gihon Spring. Solomon is to ride on my own mule."* (1 Kings 1:32-33 NLT).

Zadok, Nathan, and Benaiah were prominent leaders in Israel who did not support Adonijah's conspiracy against David. Zadok was a high-ranking priest from the tribe of Levi. Nathan was a well-recognised prophet of God. Benaiah was a mighty leader in David's army.

David's command to them was practical, visible, and achievable:

- 1) Solomon was to ride David's mule. A great honour.
- 2) Zadok and Nathan were to anoint Solomon. A great ceremony.
- 3) Blow the ram's horn. This indicated a great official event.
- 4) Shout, "*Long live King Solomon!*" A great proclamation.
- 5) Sit Solomon on David's throne. The great coronation was complete.

Jesus' closing words are often called the Great Commission. His words speak to Christians everywhere all through the ages.

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:19-20 NLT).

Jesus' words are practical, visible, and achievable.

a) To Go.

Jesus is telling us to make ourselves available to be used by God in our daily lives.

b) To Baptise.

Show our faith in Jesus publicly. To tell the world, either in word or in action, that we have a personal relationship with Jesus.

c) To Teach.

We are called to encourage each other in our ongoing walk with Jesus.

In a world that may seem uncertain, Jesus calls us to honour Him in our daily lives.

### 3. The PROCLAMATION (1 Kings 1:38-40)

*"Then Zadok the priest took the flask of olive oil from the sacred tent and anointed Solomon with the oil. Then they sounded the ram's horn and all the people shouted, "Long live King Solomon!"*"

(1 Kings 1:39 NLT).

Solomon would have always remembered that he had been anointed as king of Israel at Gihon (v.38). This location was significant for three reasons:

a) The Gihon Spring is a reference to the Past.

When David captured the city of Jerusalem (2 Samuel 5), he and his men climbed through the narrow shaft that enabled water to be brought up into Jerusalem from the spring.

When Solomon was anointed at Gihon, it was a symbol of God's victory in the Past.

b) Gihon was relevant in the Present.

Solomon was anointed at Gihon while Adonijah was having his coronation feast at 'En Rogel' further down the Kidron Valley. When the people cheered "*Long live King Solomon!*" the conspirators realised that God's victory had been won in the Present.

c) Gihon was important for the Future.

The Gihon Spring was a reliable water source that made it possible for people to live in Jerusalem. When Solomon was anointed at Gihon, it was a clear picture that God was providing life for God's people in the Future.

Jesus declared to the world,

*"He who believes in Me [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Me], as the Scripture has said, 'From his innermost being will flow continually rivers of living water.'"* (John 7:38 AMP).

Jesus is the Living Water of eternal life. When, in faith, we believe in what Jesus has done for us on the cross, we will be filled to overflowing with the pure and refreshing living water.

As Christians, having received forgiveness from Jesus, and having been filled with His living water of new life, we will speak the Gospel message to others, and live out our hope in Jesus – even during difficult times.

## **CONCLUSION**

### **Motto Verse for 2026**

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

(Romans 15:13 NIV)

These words call us to Make God’s Will the Priority in our lives. When we do that, we will be filled with God’s joy and peace that will overflow into the lives of our friends, our families, and our community.

**AMEN**