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Our actions, words, and attitudes convey the message of Christ

2 Chronicles, chapter 9

Chapter 9 focuses on the impressions left by the Queen of Sheba's visit to Queen Solomon, and the deeds of King Solomon in his later years. Here is a detailed summary of the chapter:

At the beginning of the chapter, it is mentioned that the Queen of Sheba visited King Solomon's palace and other buildings and attended his great feast. Before leaving, the Queen of Sheba offered King Solomon a large amount of gold, spices, and precious stones. Queen Sheba's praise for King Solomon and his kingdom caused her fame to spread throughout the world. The queen of Sheba came here because she heard of Solomon's great wisdom, so she came to visit. But there is also temptation in this visit (9:6) I did not believe those words until I came and saw them with my own eyes and knew your great wisdom.

The world often has many opinions, rumors, and expectations about Christians. At the same time, they also feel a certain unknown and mysterious about our faith in Jesus Christ. Because of this, many people may approach us out of curiosity or with some expectation to know what Christians are really like.

When they hear and see in us, will they be disappointed and scoffed, or will they be shocked and glorified to God? It all depends on how we manifest our faith in our lives. What will they know

about us if they don't just see us in church, not just through the results of our ministry, but in our daily lives, in our families, how we behave in the workplace, how we relate to our co-workers, how we talk to our families, and learn about the other side of our lives?

In this pluralistic society, Christians are not just part of the church, but live in every corner of society. Our actions, words, and attitudes are sending a message about Christ to those around us. If our lives are a true reflection of what we believe in, it will make people feel better than they see. They will find that Christians are not flawless, but we have a desire for holiness and a desire to draw closer to God.

However, if our lives are no different from those of the world, or even inferior to them in some ways, then they will have doubts about our faith. They may think that Christians are nothing more than a name, lacking in true faith and action. Such a realization not only does not glorify God, but can lead to misunderstandings and prejudices against Christianity.

Therefore, ask God to have mercy on us so that we can live like Christ in every detail of our lives. May we show love and tolerance in our families, honesty and diligence in our workplaces, and the tenderness and kindness of Christ in our dealings with others. Let our words and deeds truly reflect our faith in Christ, so that people can feel God's love and glory through our testimony of life.

Next, this chapter describes the period of King Solomon's prosperity. King Solomon's wealth and power gradually increased, and his wisdom and glory were praised around the world. His fleet continued to trade, bringing back valuable items from all over the world.

However, the chapter also mentions King Solomon's bad decisions and sins in his later years. He married many foreign wives and began to worship their gods. These wives led his heart away from the true God and caused him to disobey God's commands. King Solomon's behavior in his later years caused God to lose his trust and blessing to him, and also laid the foundation for the future kingdom of Israel.

Our judgments throughout our lives are from God's eyes. The chronicles of Solomon emphasize that the first thing he did in life was to fear and seek God. The first project of his life was to build a temple for God, and glory was not what he asked for, but God gave it. Jesus said of Solomon: Luke 12:27 Even when Solomon was in his great glory, he was not clothed with a flower. Wealth and honor are outward, less than a lily on the earth.

Many people envy Solomon's wealth, but the chapter constantly emphasizes Solomon's wisdom, his servants listen to his wisdom, and the queen of Sheba comes from afar to inquire about Solomon's wisdom. We need to understand that because Solomon feared God, God blessed his life greatly. Solomon's wisdom is far greater than his glory, may we learn from Solomon's fear of God, and God will bless us greatly!

We prayed together

Dear Heavenly Father, help us not to forget Your teachings and soothe our restless and chaotic hearts in our busy lives. Give us the strength to show your goodness in every day. May our lives be your witnesses, may our lives be renewed by you, cleansed by you, for the world to see, to your glory, so that more people may know and glorify you because of us.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

2 Chronicles, chapter 9

9:1 When the king of Sheba heard of Solomon's reputation, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon in incomprehensible words. And with her were many people, and camels carrying incense, and precious stones, and much gold. When she came to Solomon, she told Solomon everything that was in her heart.

9:2 Solomon answered all the questions she asked , and there was not a single word that he could not answer or could not answer .

9:3 When the king of Sheba saw the wisdom of Solomon and the house which he had built,

9:4 And the delicacies of the table, and the delicacies of the courtiers seated in columns, and the servants standing beside them, and their garments, and the cupbearers, and the robes of the butlers, and the steps of the hall of Yahweh, and astonished that God did not keep it,

9:5 And said unto the king, What I have heard in my own land, concerning thy things and thy wisdom, is true.

9:6 I didn't believe those words until I came to see them with my own eyes and realized your great wisdom. less than half of what people have told me . Your deeds go beyond the fame I have heard.

9:7 Blessed are thy courtiers and thy servants standing before thee to hear thy wise words.

9:8 Blessed be the Lord your God. He delights in thee, and sits thee on his throne, and reigneth over Jehovah thy God. For thy God loved the Israelites, and would establish them forever, and therefore made thee king over them, that thou mayest do righteousness and righteousness.

9:9 So King Sheba gave King Solomon one hundred and twenty talents of gold, and precious stones, and a great quantity of incense. The incense she gave to the king was never like this since.

9:10 The servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon brought gold from Ofir and sandalwood (or ebony). the same hereinafter) and the treasure stone to come .

9:11 And the king made a platform for the house of Yahohua and for the palace of the king, and for the singers. Judah had never seen anything like this.

9:12 King Solomon gave her all that King Sheba had brought, and gave her all that she wanted. So the queen and her servants returned to their own land.

9:13 Solomon received six hundred sixty-six talents of gold in every year.

9:14 And there was gold from the merchants, and the kings of Arabia and the governors of the princes brought silver and gold to Solomon.

9:15 And king Solomon made two hundred plates of gold out of his hammer, and six hundred shekels of gold on each side.

9:16 And he made three hundred shields of gold out of the hammer, and three hundred shekels of gold on each side, and laid them in the palace of the forest of Riba Nón.

9:17 The king made a great throne out of ivory and wrapped it in pure gold.

9:18 The throne has six steps and a golden foot stool that is connected to the throne. There were armrests on either side of the throne, and near the armrests stood two lions.

9:19 There are twelve lions standing on the six steps, two on each floor, one on the left and one on the right. There is no such thing among the nations .

9:20 All the drinking vessels of King Solomon were of gold, and all the vessels of the palace of Lebanonam were of pure gold. In Solomon's years, silver was nothing.

9:21 for the king's ships went to him with the servants of Hiram. Tarshish ships only once every three years came back with gold , silver , ivory , apes , peacocks .

9:22 King Solomon had more treasure and wisdom than the kings of the earth.

9:23 And all the kings of the world begged Solomon to hear the wisdom that God had given him.

9:24 They brought with them tribute, gold, silver, clothing, ordnance, incense, mules and horses, and a certain number of them every year.

9:25 And Solomon had four thousand bars of horses for chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, and they were in the king's place, in the towns of the chariots, and in Jerusalem.

9:26 Solomon ruled over the kings from the great river to the land of Philistine, and to the borders of Egypt.

9:27 And the king made silver as plentiful as stones in Jerusalem, and cedar as plentiful as mulberry trees in the high plains.

9:28 And men came from Egypt and all the nations for Solomon.

9:29 Is not the rest of Solomon's writing, from beginning to end, in the book of the prophet Nathan, and in the prophetic book of Ahijah the Shilothé, and in the prophetic book of Itso, the son of Nebat, in the inspiration of Jeroboam?

9:30 Solomon reigned over all the Israelites in Jerusalem forty years.

9:31 Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in his father's acropolis. His son Roboam succeeded him as king.

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Finally, the chapter mentions the timing of King Solomon's death and the accession of his son Rehoboam. Despite the mistakes made by King Solomon in his later years, his contributions and achievements during his reign are still remembered and celebrated.

In conclusion, this chapter records the impression of King Solomon of the Queen of Sheba, as well as King Solomon's mistakes and achievements in his later years. King Solomon's wisdom, wealth, and glory made him the envy of the nations of the world, but he also laid the seeds for himself and future generations.

A few important passages from 2 Chronicles 9:

1. "When Sheba the queen heard of Solomon's fame, she came to Jerusalem and questioned Solomon in difficult words." (2 Chronicles 9:1)- This verse describes the Queen of Sheba coming to Jerusalem to visit King Solomon and testing him on intelligence, which reflects King Solomon's prestige and wisdom.

2. "King Solomon surpassed the kings of the earth, and was rich in wealth, and wiser than all the wise men of the east and the Egyptians." (2 Chronicles 9:22) - This verse once again emphasizes the extraordinary wisdom and wealth of King Solomon, who is considered one of the greatest kings on earth.

3. "King Solomon made silver as much in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees as mulberry trees in the valley." (2 Chronicles 9:27)- This verse describes King Solomon's achievements in architecture and wealth, and his country was very rich and resourceful.
4. "King Solomon had a strange ship to trade, and he returned with the servants of Hiram with gold, ivory, apes, and peacocks." (2 Chronicles 9:21) - This verse again mentions King Solomon's commercial achievements, as he traded with other nations and brought back many valuable goods.
5. "King Solomon's wisdom surpasses all the wise men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt." (2 Chronicles 9:30)- This verse reaffirms the wisdom and ingenuity of King Solomon, who was considered a great ruler and leader.
6. "King Solomon reigned in Jerusalem forty years, and he sat on the throne in Jerusalem, which the Lord had chosen. And his son reigned in his stead, and the throne was established. (2 Chronicles 9:30-31) - This verse describes the success of King Solomon during his reign and the stability of his kingdom, while foreshadowing his son succeeding him as the next king of Israel.

Chapter 9 of 2 Chronicles continues the genealogy of Israel's history, especially with regard to the descendants of the kingdom of Israel and the people who returned into exile. This chapter also mentions the role of the Levites in the temple.

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The following are the central ideas and theological findings that can be found in 2 Chronicles Chapter 9:

God's Covenant and Promises: In chapter 9, the descendants of the tribes of Israel and the exiled people continue to be recorded. This shows the fulfillment of God's covenant and promise to Abraham's seed. God faithfully fulfilled His promise to His people.

Loyalty and Faith: In the genealogical accounts, we can see the faithfulness and faith of some people to God. They continue to obey God's commandments and regulations and submit to God's will.

God's Servants and Duties: The Levites had a special role in the temple to administer and serve the temple. This underscores God's call and assignment to godly servants.

Sin and Consequences: While some people are faithful to God, there are also those who sin and turn away from God's will. This shows that the consequences of sin are inevitable, however, God is also merciful and forgiving to those who repent and convert.

Overall, 2 Chronicles chapter 9 is primarily a record of family and duties, with themes of God's covenants and promises, loyalty and faith, God's servants and duties, and sin and consequences. Through these accounts, we can gain a deeper understanding of God's promises and faithfulness to His people, as well as the importance of man's faith and service to God. God is merciful and forgiving to those who repent, and we are expected to remain faithful in our faith and fulfill our duties before God.