

THE BEAUTY OF SERVING GOD

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1 Kings 10:1-8 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not anything hid from the king, which he told her not. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

The Queen of Sheba came 1200 miles to see Solomon. When she arrived, she poured out her heart to him and left nothing hid. She asked him all kinds of hard questions, testing him and his renowned wisdom. Like everyone else, she was impressed. She toured the beautiful palace; she was taken through his storehouse of treasure. Everything that she saw and heard had a profound effect upon her and after seeing all that she saw, she made the statement, "The half was not told me." She was blown away by her visit to Solomon's palace.

However, the thing that impressed her the most, was not Solomon's wisdom, neither was it his great wealth, neither was it the magnificent palace, the thing that impressed her more than all of those things was the "sitting of his servants and the attendance of his ministers."

The Queen of Sheba made this statement, "Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee."

The Queen saw it all but she was blown away by the love of the servants toward their king and their willingness to serve him to the best of their ability.

Big nice beautiful buildings are good to have, but buildings don't save people. I like to hear beautiful singing, but songs don't save people. There are a lot of different things that can be said about our church but the thing that will impress people the most, is not our building, not our singing, not my preaching but our love for our king.

We should be the happiest people in the world! Serving God is beautiful, so let's do it with a smile on our face and a spring in our step.

Ps 100:2 Serve the LORD with gladness.