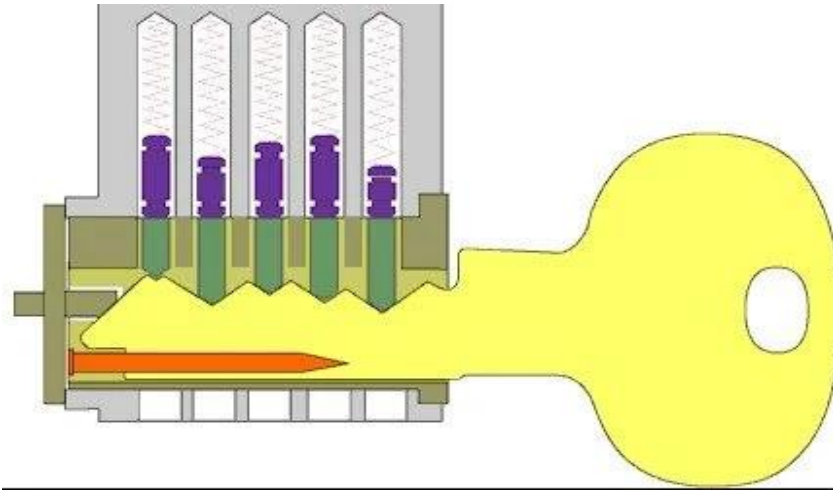


**Solomon and the Uncrucified Heart**  
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**The Gospel Story**



You know how a key works, right. When door, for example, is locked, the cylinder engages a series of spring-loaded pins which keep the cylinder from turning. When you insert a key, the uneven edge pushes the pins upward to fit the key's height in that location within the lock body. Essentially, it recognizes the correct key when the pins move into their proper places. The cylinder is set to receive a certain key.

God's eternal purpose for the crown of his creation, mankind, is found in a collection of sixty six books known as the Bible. Sixty six different pins, if you will. Historical books, poetic books, prophetic books, all written by forty different authors living hundreds a miles and up to a thousand years apart. This is the treasure chest holding the riches of God's grace, his undeserved provision for everything you will ever face. And the key to understanding it is Jesus. The key to understanding God's purpose for our lives is Jesus.

When we receive Christ, we are given this amazing gift for entering God's kind of life, otherwise known as eternal life. Unfortunately, so often, even after becoming believers, we live as paupers though we are King's kids, with a treasure trove of grace to be drawn from. The refrigerator is full, but we go out shoplifting for a candy bar. G.K. Chesterton, in his book *What's Wrong with the World* wrote, "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried." That's why a series like this can be so rich, it opens up treasures from Genesis to Revelation.

1Kings 11:1-3

1Kings 11:4-8

The key verse for me here is verse 6 So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done.

Listen to how dark things got for Solomon in the city of the great King, Jerusalem:

5 He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molech the detestable god of the Ammonites.

Solomon did this in a search for significance, power, happiness, fulfillment, but in the end, here is his assessment of his wasted life.

Eccl. 2:11

So, the question is, “Where is Jesus in this story and where is Jesus in our story?” Let me make three points that may help us get a good handle on that.

### **I. Look for Christ in the Old Testament.**

Acts 4:12 “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Abraham was justified by faith before Christ by looking forward to God’s promise as in Genesis 22:13,14

Moses was justified Exodus 12:7,12,13

Isaiah was justified by faith by looking forward to God’s promise, as in Isaiah 19:20

### **II. See what happened to Solomon as a warning to us.**

1Cor. 10:6 & 11

Eccl. 2:11

### **III. Respond well to Solomon’s example.**

Luke 9:23-25

Galatians 2:20

John 10:18