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II Chron. 1:5

5. Moreover the brazen altar, that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, was there before the tabernacle of Jehovah: and Solomon and the assembly sought unto it.

INTERPRETATION

The right spirit is as important now as it was in the days of Bezalel, whose skillful workmanship endured for hundreds of years, and is mentioned as part of the equipment of the tabernacle at the beginning of the reign of Solomon. Our work too will endure if we put our best into it, and give ourselves to it in full faith and confidence that it will be found good.

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7. In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.

8. And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast showed great lovingkindness unto David my father, and hast made me king in his stead.

9. Now, O Jehovah God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.

10. Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?

11. And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thy heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honor, 
or the life of them that hate thee, neither yet hast asked 
long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, 
that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

12. Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none 
of the kings have had that have been before thee; neither 
shall there any after thee have the like.

What does King Solomon represent?
King Solomon is noted for his wisdom. In response 
to Jehovah's invitation, "Ask what I shall give thee," 
Solomon replied: "Give me now wisdom and knowl-
edge." Then Jehovah said: "Wisdom and knowledge 
is granted unto thee." Thus Solomon represents the 
will (king) functioning as wisdom.

What is meant by: "In that night did God appear 
unto Solomon"?
"Night" represents the quiescent or peaceful rest of 
the mind. It symbolizes the inner potentials which 
are ready to break forth in action when man calls upon 
the Most High, Jehovah.

How did Jehovah communicate with Solomon?
In 1 Kings 3:5, is the statement: "In Gibeon Je-
hovah appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and 
God said, Ask what I shall give thee." It is not a rare 
thing for Jehovah to appear to man in a dream, but 
quite common. It is being proved every day in the 
lives of those who follow Jesus, that they may receive 
and do receive guidance in their dreams.

Does Jehovah manifest to the conscious mind, or to 
the subconscious mind?
Jehovah impresses his ideas upon the subconscious 
at the solar plexus and at the heart center: "Because 
this was in thy heart."

Solomon did not ask for riches and honor, but he 
asked for wisdom and knowledge and that he might 
righteously judge his people. What followed this desire?
Not only were wisdom and knowledge given to him, 
but also riches and honor. When one has superwisdom 
he knows how to gain everything else.