Ring of Truth daily devotion

Ring of Truth provides 366 daily 'proofs' that the Bible is consistent throughout from Genesis to Revelation and relevant for our lives today!

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1 Kings 10:6-7

[The queen of Sheba] said to the King, "the report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard."

Solomon's wisdom was not only proverbial, it was real.

One of the classic examples is recorded in Chapter 3. Two prostitutes came before him. Both had given birth to children; one baby had died and one had survived. They both claimed that the living baby was their own. Solomon ordered for a sword to be brought so that the living baby could be cut into two and divided equally between them. One woman agreed, one refused saying that the other woman could have the baby, provided it could be spared. The true mother was revealed.

In Chapter 4 we read Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs (that's three for every wife and concubine), 1,005 songs and that he classified all plant life and taught about animals, birds, reptiles and fish. Yes, his wisdom has never been surpassed (except by the Creator Himself).

He had so much wealth that in Jerusalem, silver was as common as stone. In fact, ***"Nothing was made of silver, because silver was considered of little value in Solomon's days"*** (1 Kings 10:21). Because he had so much of it. The fame of his wisdom and wealth became international. Kings and Queens came to him from all the nations around and brought gifts, which enhanced his kingdom and treasury. He also gave extravagant gifts in return.

So it was that the Queen of Sheba heard about him, and decided to travel from Africa with an exclusive and vast array of herbs and spices, which would add even more value and diversity to Solomon's wealth and resources. It sounds as if when she arrived, she was a bit of a cynic. No doubt she hoped to be able to put all the reports back into their proper perspective.

Imagine her surprise, when she found out everything was far greater than she could ever have thought or imagined. As we read in our verse, ***"The half was not told me."*** How must she have felt? There was no hint of jealousy or disappointment but rather of overflowing joy and delight.

The same happens with Jesus. We can talk about Him, extol His virtues, love, wisdom, grace and goodness and even exaggerate as much as we can possibly imagine. But when even the most hardened or bitter critic actually meets Jesus, their response will be the same as the queen of Sheba's - *"You didn't tell me the half of it."*

Jesus will never disappoint those who come to Him. Share Him with someone today.