

1 Kings 3:3-4:34

**TITLE: "Expect the Abundance"**

Have you ever asked something from the Lord, but you expected bare minimum? Or maybe you expected "just enough"? How many times do we do that? We pray to the God who spoke the world into existence, and yet we ask him for gifts with boundaries and bare minimums. Today, I want to challenge you to ***expect the abundance***.

Here in 1 Kings 3:3-4:34, we read of the account of Solomon and the wisdom imparted to him by the Lord. In 1 Kings 3:5, we see where God asks Solomon what he would like to be given to him. Out of all the things that he could ask for, he asks for wisdom (1 Kings 3:9). Right away, in verse 13, we see God already blessing him with more than he asked for.

***"I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days."***

**1 KINGS 3:13**

God was so pleased with his request and he went above and beyond what was requested. We see this happen again in the same passage if you read down to 1 Kings 4:29-31.

***"29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore, 30 so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. 31 For he was wiser than all other men, wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol, and his fame was in all the surrounding nations."***

God showed up and showed out in Solomon's life. He honored him. He honored his heart. He honored his life. And guess what? We serve an unchanging, faithful God. He is the same God that will show up in your life. Our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever more.

If you flip over to the New Testament, I'd like for you to take a look at a verse of scripture that speaks to God STILL being the God of abundance:

***20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, EPHESIANS 3:20 ESV***

Our God delights in the abundance. He is a God of exceeding. So when you pray, pray BIG. Believe BIG. Stand in agreement for BIG. He wants to do so much in and through you, and wants to bless you in absolute abundance. You can trust Him today to do MORE in your life. Soon, others will see what God has done and know that it was only Him that did that for you. Expect the abundance.