



**Homework for 11.14.18 – 1.16.19**  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings; Proverbs**

**Reading:**

- Day 1 - Read Psalm 72, 1 Kings 1-12  
Day 2 - Psalm 127, 131, 2 Kings 1-7, 13, 17, 25  
Day 3- Psalm 138, 139  
Day 4- Psalm 143  
Day 5- Psalm 144

**Watch Wisdom Series: Proverbs**

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/wisdom-series/>

**Reflection:**

1. Review Israel's history from the book of Joshua through the book of 2 Kings. Write a short summary.

**2) The Golden Age of Israel began with David but really reached its height during Solomon's reign. What are some of the events and blessings that made that period so extraordinary?**

**3) Proverbs 4:23 says, "Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life." What grows in our hearts spills out in our lives. At the end of Solomon's beautiful prayer of petition in I Kings, he added a few closing comments to the people- a postscript to the occasion. Read 1 Kings 8:54-61 and describe what he said about their hearts, particularly in verses 58-61.**

**4) The Hebrew term for wisdom encompasses more than mere intelligence and shrewdness. It means skill in living life. It means knowing how to apply intelligence in the practical realities of daily life and to exercise shrewdness in the challenges of typical human existence. Read Exodus 28:2-3 and 36:1-2, remembering that the words *skill* and *skillful* are words that mean wisdom. As you read and study Proverbs, look for those areas of life where God has given you "skill" and rejoice in them. In areas in which you sense you are less "skilled", ask God to teach and change you.**

**5) Read Proverbs 17:3 and 21:2 and state the truth Solomon knew about how God deals with people's hearts.**

**Solomon neglected his own advice as he lost part of his heart to other gods. Read Proverbs 4: 20-27. What might it mean to "watch over your heart with all diligence"?**

**Do you see any danger spots in our own heart? If so, what are they? Will you agree with God about them and ask Him to help you watch over your heart?**

**6) Proverbs 31, verses 10-31 extol the virtues of the excellent woman. As you read these, are you encouraged or intimidated? Remember that we are reading about a mature woman who has journeyed far with God. All of us are works in progress. Be realistic in your expectations, but don't dismiss the standard that this passage provides. What from this reading has challenged and motivated you? Talk to God about that. Consider writing your prayer.**

Wow! We have 63 days until the next Big Picture!  
See next section for homework during the holidays....don't delay or you will miss the blessing.

### **Holiday Homework!**

**Enjoy these Psalms of Thanksgiving over the Thanksgiving week!**

**Mon 11/19 - Read Psalm 34**

**Tues 11/20 - Read Psalm 66**

**Wed 11/21 - Read Psalm 100**

**Thurs 11/22 Read Psalm 107**

**Fri 11/23 Read Psalm 118**

**Sat 11/24 Read Psalm 136**

**December 1 - 31st:** Read a Proverb a day! This fits well into the holiday as we strive to be wise and thankful in the crazy, celebratory season!

**Write the vision; make it plain on tablets  
so that he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its  
appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.  
If it seems slow wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not  
delay. Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the  
righteous shall live by his faith' " (Habakkuk 2:1-4).**

### **Extra Credit:**

**Watch Heaven and Earth Video:**

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/heaven-earth/>

**Read all the passages in 1st and 2nd Kings.**

**Popular books suggested by the Bible Project:**

***Heaven: Biblical Answers to Common Questions* by Randy Alcorn**

***The Weight of Glory* by CS Lewis**

