

Dear King Solomon,

I have a dream I want to bring you, but before I do, I want to explain a little how this one goes down. Usually I tell the dream story in symbolic form, making folks dig a little to understand the symbols and extract the meaning of the message I'm trying to deliver to them.

This one's a little different.

This time I'm participating directly in the dream, and I invite you to do the same. Also, a bit out of the ordinary, I'm going to ask you to respond *right in the dream*, instead of later in your dream journal.

It'll be fun, just the two of us having a conversation right in the dream.

*Yahweh appeared in a dream to Solomon during the night. God said, "Ask what you would like me to give you." Solomon replied, "You showed great kindness to your servant David, my father, when he lived his life before you in faithfulness and justice and integrity of heart; you have continued this great kindness to him by allowing a son of his to sit on his throne today. Now, Yahweh my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?"*

*It pleased Yahweh that Solomon should have asked for this. "Since you have asked for this," Yahweh said, "and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgment for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you. What you have not asked I shall give you too; such riches and glory as no other king ever had. And I will give you a long life, if you follow my ways, keeping my laws and commandments, as your father David followed them." (1 Kings 3:5-15)*

Sincerely yours,

Yahweh, Giver of Wisdom