**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Matthew 12:42
      1. This passage of Scripture refers to the time when King Solomon had a visit from the queen of Sheba.
         1. She came and saw all of the wisdom, wealth, and works of Solomon.
         2. 1 Kings 10:5
            1. She said that the breath had gone out of her when she saw the glories of Solomon’s kingdom.
      2. Jesus said to the Pharisees that a greater than Solomon was here.
         1. What caused Jesus to say this?
            1. The Pharisees had been criticizing, questioning, and judging Jesus.
            2. They were oblivious to the obvious.
      3. Solomon was the apex of all greatness, wealth, and wonder.
         1. Yet, there was a man in His sandaled feet looking them straight in the face and saying, “A greater than Solomon is here.”
   2. Dr. Robert G. Lee said that the Pharisees must have thought the following:
      1. Solomon was a king’s son.
         1. Jesus was a carpenter’s son.
            1. How could He be greater?
      2. Solomon was born in a palace.
         1. Jesus was born in a stable.
            1. How could He be greater?
      3. Solomon was born in Jerusalem.
         1. Jesus was born in little Bethlehem.
            1. How could He be greater?
      4. Solomon had many servants to wait upon him.
         1. Jesus had none.
            1. How could He be greater?
      5. Solomon wore his kingly robes, so much that Jesus compared them to the flowers of the field.
         1. Matthew 6:28-29
         2. Jesus wore His peasant’s garb, a seamless garment.
            1. How could He be greater?
      6. Solomon drank from vessels of gold.
         1. Jesus had to get a drink from a Samaritan harlot.
            1. How could He be greater?
      7. Solomon was rich beyond compare.
         1. Jesus was a pauper.
            1. How could He be greater?
      8. Solomon had great armies.
         1. Jesus only had a few stragglers following Him.
            1. How could Jesus be greater?
      9. Solomon lived in mansions.
         1. Jesus was homeless and sometimes didn’t have a place to put His head down.
            1. Matthew 8:20
            2. How could Jesus be greater?
      10. Solomon rode in splendor.
          1. Jesus walked.
             1. How could Jesus be greater than Solomon?
   3. In today’s message, we will think about Jesus and some ways that He is greater.
2. jesus is greater in the wisdom he proclaims
   1. 1 Kings 10:1-5
      1. The Queen of Sheba examined Solomon to see just how intelligent he was.
   2. 1 Kings 10:24
   3. Solomon was a wise man.
      1. He wrote the book of Proverbs.
      2. When we read the book of Proverbs, we see that Solomon knew all about biology, psychology, and theology.
      3. 1 Kings 4:32
         1. Solomon knew 3,000 proverbs.
         2. He had memorized 1,500 psalms.
      4. Solomon knew all about creation.
         1. 1 Kings 4:33
   4. Jesus had greater wisdom than Solomon.
      1. Jesus made all of the things that Solomon knew about.
         1. John 1:3
      2. Solomon knew all about fishing and all about fish; but Jesus knew more.
         1. Jesus put enough fish in empty nets to sink two boats.
            1. Luke 5:4-10
            2. John 21:1-11
      3. Solomon knew about the wind and the cycle of the wind, but Jesus knew more.
         1. Jesus knew how to rebuke the wind and cause the Sea of Galilee to lie still.
            1. Matthew 8:23-27
      4. Solomon knew all about navigation when he sent ships out to all over the world to bring back riches, but Jesus knew more.
         1. Jesus knew how to walk on water.
            1. Mark 6:45-52
   5. Solomon found out that all of his wisdom did not satisfy him.
      1. Ecclesiastes 1:17
      2. The more someone knows, the more he knows how much he does not know.
         1. We think of Einstein as being the Solomon of our age because of his brilliance.
            1. Einstein once said that if he could only be free from the shackles of his intellectual smallness, then he could understand the universe.
   6. Solomon was wise, but he was not as wise as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
   7. God gives us wisdom.
      1. 1 Corinthians 1:30
         1. If we have Jesus, then we have wisdom.
      2. James 1:5
      3. Ephesians 1:8
   8. Jesus is greater than Solomon in wisdom.
3. jesus is greater in the works he performs
   1. 1 Kings 10:4
      1. Not only did the queen of Sheba see Solomon’s wisdom, but she also saw his works.
   2. Solomon built a palace for himself.
      1. It took thirteen years to complete his palace.
      2. His palace defied description and was lavishly provided.
         1. 1 Kings 7
      3. Jesus is building a greater house.
         1. John 14:1-2
   3. Solomon set a table; he invited people in for great feasts.
      1. 1 Kings 10:5
         1. The queen of Sheba went to a banquet when she visited Solomon.
            1. She saw the cups of gold.
            2. She saw the servants and the way that they were lavishly dressed.
            3. The feasting was sumptuous.

The food was beyond compare.

* + 1. Jesus said that a greater than Solomon was here.
       1. Matthew 12:42
    2. Jesus could take five loaves and two fish and feed 5,000.
       1. Matthew 14:13-21
    3. Jesus could turn plain water into sparkling wine.
       1. John 2:1-11
    4. All that Solomon did could never satisfy.
       1. Jesus said that if we drink of the water that He gives us, then we will never thirst again.
          1. John 4:14
    5. Jesus says to us today, “Come and dine.”
       1. John 21:12
    6. Only Jesus can set a table that will satisfy our hearts.
  1. Solomon built a temple that was beyond compare and description.
     1. 1 Kings 10:5
        1. This passage speaks of the house of the Lord.
        2. When the queen of Sheba saw the house of the Lord, she said that there was no more spirit in her.
           1. What she meant by that was that she was about to faint.
           2. It was far more than she expected to see.
     2. Solomon’s temple was the most glorious and magnificent building that has ever been built.
     3. 183,600 workers worked for 7 ½ years to build the temple.
     4. Solomon’s father, David, collected gold, silver, brass, jewels, and cedar wood to build the temple.
     5. God Himself designed the temple.
        1. God was the architect of the temple.
     6. God anointed the workmen to build the temple.
     7. The temple faced east, and the sun would come up over the Mount of Olives and shine on the temple overlaid with ivory and gold.
        1. Josephus, the Jewish historian, said that it stood upon Mount Zion like a mountain of snow.
  2. Jesus has built a greater temple.
     1. Those who are saved are the temple of God.
        1. 1 Corinthians 6:19
     2. In the Old Testament, God had a temple for His people. In the New Testament, God has a people for His temple.
     3. Solomon’s temple is gone.
        1. It has been destroyed.
     4. We will never be destroyed.
        1. Even when our bodies are in the grave, our spirits will be in Heaven with the Lord Jesus.
        2. A greater temple than Solomon ever built.
  3. Salvation is not getting man out of Earth and into Heaven, it is getting God out of Heaven and into man.
     1. The saved are now the temple of God.

1. jesus is greater in the workers he pleases
   1. Solomon had some happy workers.
      1. 1 Kings 10:6-8
         1. The people who worked in Solomon’s courts were the happiest that the queen of Sheba had ever seen.
      2. They were serving Almighty God by serving in the court of Israel’s king Solomon in all of this lavish wealth.
      3. They were servants of a wise and healthy king.
   2. Jesus’ workers serve a greater and mightier King.
      1. We are happy in Jesus.
      2. We are Jesus’ workers.
   3. Solomon’s workers were happy, but Jesus gives more.
      1. Jesus gives “*joy unspeakable and full of glory*.”
         1. 1 Peter 1:8
      2. Jesus gives joy that is conspicuous, continuous, and contagious.
   4. Solomon’s workers had to give up all of those things that brought them happiness.
      1. They are all gone.
      2. The palace is gone.
      3. The tables are gone.
      4. The robes are gone.
      5. Solomon is gone.
   5. The source of our joy has not diminished because our joy does not depend upon what happens.
      1. Our joy depends upon the Lord Jesus Christ.
      2. There is joy in serving Jesus.
   6. Jesus pleases His workers.
   7. Jesus rewards His workers.
   8. Jesus is far greater than Solomon in the workmen that He pleases.
2. jesus is greater in the wealth he possesses
   1. 1 Kings 10:14-15
      1. They were pouring wealth into Solomon’s coffers.
   2. Probably no man ever in the history of the world has had wealth like this man Solomon.
      1. 1 Kings 10:23
         1. This was not an exaggeration.
         2. They were pouring tons of gold on him, as well as ivory and spices.
         3. He had trading ships going out, and they were bringing the wealth to Solomon.
   3. Jesus is greater in wealth.
      1. Psalm 24:1
         1. “*The Earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof*.”
      2. The cattle on a thousand hills belong to Jesus, as well as all of the diamonds and rubies in those hills.
         1. Psalm 50:10
      3. Every star in the sky belongs to Jesus.
         1. The Bible says that He calls them all by name.
            1. Psalm 147:4
   4. Solomon was rich, but he left us no legacy.
   5. Jesus has made us rich beyond compare.
      1. He owns the rivers, rocks, hills, sun and stars that shine.
      2. He owns wonderful riches more than the tongue can tell.
         1. He is our Father, and they are ours as well.
      3. The greater spiritual riches are what we have in the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. jesus is greater in the worship he provides
   1. Solomon led in worship.
   2. 1 Kings 10:9
   3. Solomon was there to lead the people in worship.
      1. That is why he built the temple.
   4. God gave him a throne.
      1. 1 Kings 10:18
         1. No wonder the breath went out of the Queen of Sheba when she saw that shimmering throne.
   5. There is another throne, and Jesus sits upon it.
      1. Revelation 5:11-13
   6. Solomon no longer sits upon his throne.
   7. Jesus sits on His throne.
      1. This throne is not up for grabs.
      2. He will never be dispossessed.
      3. That is why we must worship the one (the Lord Jesus) who is greater than Solomon.
4. CONCLUSION
   1. This world needs saving.
      1. This world looks to science to save it.
         1. Solomon knew all about science.
         2. Science can tell you how far it is from the Earth to the sun, but it cannot save you.
      2. The world looks to culture to save it.
         1. Culture can teach you etiquette and how to make the world a better place to go to Hell from, but it cannot save you.
      3. The world looks to education to save it.
         1. Education can teach you how to work at your computer, and it can teach you the history of the world, but it cannot save you.
      4. The world looks to government to save it.
         1. Government cannot save this world.
   2. There is one greater than Solomon, greater than anyone else, greater than all else, and He is the Lord Jesus Christ.
   3. What makes the Christian faith different?
      1. You can be a Confucianist without knowing Confucius.
      2. You can be a Buddhist without knowing Buddha.
      3. You can be an Islamist without knowing Mohammad.
      4. But you cannot be a Christian without knowing Jesus.
   4. Christianity is a vital relationship with the Son of God.
   5. That Jesus who is greater than Solomon is alive and here with us today.
      1. Matthew 18:20
   6. Solomon slew thousands of animals when he dedicated his temple.
      1. But the Bible says that the blood of bulls and goats can’t take away sin.
         1. Hebrews 10:4
   7. There is one, Calvary’s Lamb, who took your sin to the cross.
      1. With that rich, red, royal blood, He paid your sin debt.
      2. He is the only one who can truly save you.
   8. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   9. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16