



That night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, “Ask what I should give you.” Solomon said to God, “You have shown great and steadfast love to my father David, and have made me succeed him as king. O Lord God, let your promise to my father David now be fulfilled, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can rule this great people of yours?”

2 Chronicles 1:7-10  
NRSV

## “Help”

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### Context of 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 1

King \_\_\_\_\_ reign had just ended and his son, Solomon, was the new King of Israel.

King Solomon summons “all Israel” to Gibeon for a day of making \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.

At the end of the full day, “The Lord appeared to Solomon.”

God says to him: “Ask what I should give you.”

What would you say to God? How would you respond?

Solomon asked for \_\_\_\_\_ and understanding (help).

### His prayer for help arose from his understanding of these three ideas:

1) I am \_\_\_\_\_ by God (verse 8).

This is where our understanding of prayer has to begin. If we don’t know that we are \_\_\_\_\_ by God, prayer becomes a dread.

2) I am \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 9).

In a day, Solomon went from being the \_\_\_\_\_ of the king, to the actual king!

It is likely that he was around \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he became king.

God met Solomon in his feelings of being \_\_\_\_\_.

3) God can actually \_\_\_\_\_ me (verse 10).

Solomon knew those words from God weren’t \_\_\_\_\_ words!

We can pray fully knowing that God not only hears us, but has to power to \_\_\_\_\_ us.

### The Nature of God

*Scripture points to a God who is Helper. One who hears and helps and heals. #1Cfridays*

God is \_\_\_\_\_, meaning Three Persons in One – Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

Psalm 46:1-3 – The Father as an “ever-present \_\_\_\_\_ in times of trouble”

Matthew 11:28 – The Son \_\_\_\_\_ and healed those He encountered.

John 14:26 – The Holy Spirit as the Advocate/\_\_\_\_\_

Prayers of Petition: Asking for help for \_\_\_\_\_

Prayers of Intercession: Asking for help for \_\_\_\_\_

**Action Steps:** 1) Pray “\_\_\_\_\_.”

2) Pray prayers of \_\_\_\_\_ and prayers of \_\_\_\_\_.