Day 11

> *At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Solomon answered . . . "give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong". . . . The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, ". . . I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be." Then Solomon awoke — and he realized it had been a dream." 1Kings 3:5-12*

Many people have struggled with the idea that Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived, knowing how fell into terrible sin and idolatry. Note that the entire transaction described in this passage occurred <u>in a dream</u>. There is no record that Solomon ever prayed this prayer while awake. God may speak to us in dreams or in other secret ways, but He does not respond to OUR dreams or fantasies. God cares about our earnest attempts to DO His will, whether we succeed or fail. Confess as sin any idle fantasies of spiritual greatness, asking God to show you the work He has prepared for you to do today.