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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Criticism is one of the easiest things there is to do.
      1. If we were to criticize the Lord Jesus, then how pitiful would be our criticism.
   2. The text we will look at today was given to the Pharisees, who were masters of criticism.
      1. They criticized Jesus.
      2. They castigated Jesus.
      3. They interrogated Jesus.
   3. The Pharisees were so blind.
      1. They were oblivious to the obvious.
      2. The Lord Jesus was right in their midst, the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
         1. There will never be another like Jesus.
   4. Matthew 12:42
      1. The Pharisees were taken with bigness.
         1. They were taken with religion, pomp, circumstance, glory, and power.
         2. They had read about King Solomon in all of his glory, and they were impressed by that.
      2. The Queen of Sheba had come from the uttermost parts of the ends of the Earth.
         1. Most likely, that was Ethiopia.
         2. She had made a long visit, a trek that was dangerous and arduous, to see Solomon in all of his glory.
      3. And Jesus said that there was one much greater than Solomon who was right there with them.
         1. In their blindness and arrogance, they missed Him.
   5. What did the Pharisees think when Jesus, this peasant prophet, said to them that a greater than Solomon was right there with them?
      1. It has been imagined that the Pharisees might have said the following:
         1. Solomon was a king’s son; Jesus was a carpenter’s son.
         2. Solomon was born in a palace; Jesus was born in a stable.
         3. Solomon was born in beautiful Jerusalem; Jesus was born in little Bethlehem.
         4. Solomon had many servants; Jesus did not have any servants.
         5. Solomon wore kingly robes; Jesus was dressed in a peasant’s garb.
         6. Solomon drank from vessels of gold; Jesus had to ask a fallen woman, a Samaritan harlot, for a drink of water.
         7. Solomon was rich; Jesus was poor.
         8. Solomon had armies; Jesus had a few followers.
         9. Solomon built great cities; Jesus built wooden tools and furniture.
         10. Solomon lived in a palace; Jesus was homeless.
         11. Solomon had 1,400 chariots; Jesus had to walk wherever He went.
         12. Solomon ate with the Queen of Sheba; Jesus ate with publicans and sinners.
      2. How could Jesus say that He was greater than Solomon?
   6. Today’s message will mention seven ways that the Lord Jesus, our great Savior, is greater than Solomon.
2. jesus is greater than solomon in wisdom (1 kings 10:1-3)
   1. The Queen of Sheba could not stump Solomon.
      1. She could not ask him a question that he could not answer.
      2. God had given to Solomon the supernatural gift of wisdom.
         1. 1 Kings 10:24
   2. Solomon was a wise man.
      1. Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs.
         1. An incredible collection of wisdom is in the book of Proverbs.
      2. As we read the book of Proverbs, we realize that Solomon knew theology, philosophy, biology, and sociology.
      3. Solomon knew 3,000 proverbs and 1,500 psalms by heart.
         1. 1 Kings 4:32
      4. He knew all about creation.
         1. He studied all of the trees of the field and the creatures.
            1. 1 Kings 4:33

Solomon knew about fish.

* + 1. Jesus made the fish that Solomon knew about.
       1. John 1:3
    2. Solomon may have studied fish, but Jesus loaded a fisherman’s net with so many fish that it sank two boats.
       1. Luke 5:4-7
  1. Solomon knew about all of the winds and the circulation of the winds.
     1. Jesus stilled the winds and made the waves lay down at His feet.
        1. Mark 4:39
  2. Solomon knew about navigation.
     1. Jesus was the one who walked on water.
        1. Matthew 14:23-25
  3. All of Solomon’s wisdom and knowledge did not satisfy him.
     1. Ecclesiastes 1:17
     2. This world’s wisdom is not the answer.
     3. The more a person knows, the more he knows that he does not know.
        1. Albert Einstein: “I feel like a man chained. If I could only be freed from the shackles of my intellectual smallness, then I could understand the universe in which I live.”
     4. Solomon said that all of his wisdom, all of his learning, was a vexation of spirit.
  4. We can know facts.
     1. We can have a full head and an empty heart.
     2. Jesus gives wisdom that satisfies the wellsprings, wisdom that a little child can know.
     3. 1 Corinthians 1:30
     4. Ephesians 1:8
  5. We can study all we want and learn as much as we want, but that wisdom will never satisfy the longing of our hearts.
     1. It did not satisfy Solomon, and it will not satisfy you.
  6. How sad it would be to study biology and the study of life and not know Jesus who is the Life.
  7. How sad to study geology and the ages of rocks and not know Jesus, the Rock of Ages.
  8. How sad to study philosophy and not know the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Way and the Truth.

1. jesus is greater than solomon in works (1 kings 10:4-5)
   1. Solomon built a great house.
      * 1. 1 Kings 10:4
        2. He built it for himself.
        3. It took him thirteen years to complete it.
        4. It defied description.
           1. 1 Kings 7
   2. While Solomon built a great house, Jesus has built a greater one.
      1. John 14:2
      2. If you think the house that Solomon lived in was something, then wait until you see what the Lord Jesus Christ has prepared for us.
         1. He has prepared a place for us.
         2. What a house our Lord is building!
   3. Not only did Solomon build a house, but he also set a table.
      1. 1 Kings 10:5
         1. In this verse, the word “meat” means “the food of his table”.
      2. The Queen of Sheba saw the gracious, sumptuous feast that Solomon had set.
         1. It was a delicacy beyond compare.
      3. Jesus took a little boy’s lunch of five loaves and two fish and feed over five thousand people.
         1. John 6:5-13
      4. Solomon could not change pure water into sparkling wine.
         1. John 2:1-11
      5. Even if Solomon could, he could not serve the Bread of Life or the Water of Life that will satisfy the deepest longing of our hearts.
         1. No matter how much we know or how much we acquire, if we do not know Jesus and have Jesus, then we are ignorant and poor.
   4. She saw the table that Solomon set, but God tells us, “Come and dine.”
      1. John 21:12
      2. Come and feed on the Lord Jesus.
         1. He is the Bread of Life.
         2. He is the Water of life.
         3. He alone can satisfy the deep longing of your heart.
            1. Solomon ate, and he was hungry again.
   5. Solomon built the temple.
      1. 1 Kings 10:5
      2. What house of the Lord is this verse of Scripture talking about?
         1. It is talking about the incredible temple that Solomon built.
            1. Historians tell us it was probably the most magnificent building the world has ever seen or ever will see.
            2. It took 183,600 workers to build the temple.
            3. They labored on it for seven-and-a-half years.
            4. Solomon’s father, David, had been gathering gold, silver, and precious stones to build the temple.
            5. God Almighty was the architect of the temple.
            6. The temple faced east.

The sun rose on the covering of the temple.

It was gold plated.

* + - * 1. It was said that it stood on the mountain like a mountain of snow.
    1. Jesus has built a greater temple.
       1. Where is His temple?
          1. It is not a building that we worship in.
          2. We are the temple that Jesus has built.

1 Corinthians 6:19

You are His temple.

* + - 1. The temple that Solomon built is gone.
         1. We cannot find a shred of it.
      2. The temple that Jesus built, inhabited by the Holy Ghost, will live forever.
         1. We are temples of God.

That is what salvation is all about.

Salvation is not primarily getting man out of Earth and into Heaven, salvation is getting God out of Heaven and into man.

We are now temples of Almighty God.

1. jesus is greater than solomon in workers (1 kings 10:8)
   1. The workers are those who serve Him and do the works.
   2. 1 Kings 10:8
      1. The Queen of Sheba saw the company of servants that Solomon had.
         1. She noticed something about their countenance.
            1. They all seemed to be smiling.
         2. She was in essence saying, “What a wonderful place to work, and what a wonderful man to work for.”
         3. She believed them to be the happiest people she had ever seen.
   3. A greater than Solomon is here, and His servants are more blessed than Solomon’s servants ever could have been blessed.
      1. The servants of Jesus have far more happiness and far more than happiness than Solomon’s servants ever had.
      2. Not only do we have happiness, but we also have joy.
         1. John 15:11
         2. A child of God walking by the Spirit has continual, conspicuous, and contagious joy.
      3. We are to serve the Lord with gladness.
         1. Psalm 100:2
   4. Solomon is gone.
      1. His palace is gone.
      2. His table is gone.
      3. His servants are gone.
   5. Matthew 10:42
      1. The Lord makes a note of all His servants’ works.
   6. Happy are His servants.
      1. The service of Jesus is wonderful.
      2. Jesus’ servants are greater in joy.
      3. They are greater in dedication.
      4. In this world today, there are literally millions and millions of people who not only serve Jesus, but, if necessary, they would also die for the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. jesus is greater than solomon in wealth (1 kings 10:14-18, 23)
   1. No individual who has ever lived, or ever will live, has had the wealth Solomon had.
      1. When the Queen of Sheba, who herself knew wealth, saw the wealth of Solomon, she said that the breath had gone out of her and that the half had never yet been told.
         1. 1 Kings 10:5, 7
   2. Jesus is greater in wealth.
      1. Psalm 24:1
         1. “*The Earth is the Lord’s*.”
            1. That is pretty wealthy.
      2. The Bible tells us that the cattle on a thousand hills belong to Jesus.
         1. Psalm 50:10
      3. All of the minerals in the Earth belong to Jesus.
      4. Every star is His.
      5. It was all made by Him and for Him, and it is all coming back to Him.
         1. People ask what the world is coming to.
            1. It is coming to Jesus.
         2. It belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ.
   3. Solomon was wealthy, but he has left us nothing.
   4. If you are saved, then you are an heir of God and joint-heir with Jesus Christ.
      1. Romans 8:17
      2. What does it mean to be a joint-heir?
         1. It means to share and share alike.
         2. We enter into His riches.
   5. It is about time we say to the devil, “Look at what I’ve got.”
      1. This world has so much to offer, but it has nothing compared to Jesus.
   6. Oh, the wealth of our great King who owns it all!
      1. He did not make it for the devil’s crowd.
      2. He made it for His children.
3. Jesus is greater than solomon in worth (1 kings 10:9)
   1. Wealth is what a man has; worth is what a person is.
   2. The Queen of Sheba saw God’s blessings upon Solomon and realized that he was a worthy man.
      1. 1 Kings 10:9
         1. When she saw how God had blessed Solomon, she said, “God has crowned you, God has blessed you, and God has seen in you worth.”
      2. 1 Kings 10:18-20
         1. Solomon sat upon the throne.
         2. There were twelve lions in front of the throne.
         3. There were steps going up to the throne.
         4. When the Queen of Sheba saw it, the breath went out of her.
            1. 1 Kings 10:5
   3. Jesus is greater in worth.
      1. Revelation 5:11-13
         1. Solomon’s throne is gone, but there is a throne in heaven, which John saw, and there is a greater than Solomon sitting upon it.
   4. The kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.
   5. God honored Solomon and we can respect him, but we should never worship him.
      1. We worship Jesus.
      2. We may stand to give honor to kings; but for the Lord, we should fall on our faces.
         1. Have you been on your face before Him?
   6. Jesus is worth all that we have and all that we are.
      1. We should give Him honor and glory forever.
4. jesus is greater than solomon in worship (1 kings 10:5)
   1. The Queen of Sheba saw the “ascent” by which Solomon went up to the temple.
      1. In this verse, “ascent” may be translated “burnt offering”.
         1. One translation says “holocaust”.
      2. She saw Solomon as he brought his offerings in worship to the Lord.
   2. 2 Chronicles 7:5 describes when Solomon dedicated the temple.
      1. All of those offerings could not atone for one sin.
         1. All they did was to typify and illustrate the offering that would be made.
            1. Hebrews 10:4
            2. Hebrews 10:12

This verse speaks of our great Savior.

* + 1. Solomon, in worship, offered the blood of bulls and goats.
       1. The Lord Jesus offered up Himself.
  1. Our sin-sick world looks to science and says, “Science, can’t you save me?”
     1. Science says, “I can tell you how far it is from the Earth to the sun, but I cannot tell you how far God can remove sin from the human heart.”
  2. The world looks to education and says, “Education, can’t you save me?”
     1. Education says, “I can talk to you about facts, but I cannot impart saving truth to you.”
  3. The world looks to government and says, “Government, can’t you save me?”
     1. Government says, “We can regulate things and run things, but government has no power to deal with sin. Government has no power to make people good.”
  4. The world looks to sociology and says, “Sociology, can’t you save me?”
     1. Sociology would have to say, “All I can do and all culture can do is to make the world a better place to go to Hell from. I cannot save you.”
  5. Jesus is greater because He is the only Savior of the world.
     1. If you ask Jesus if He can save you, He will say, “Yes, I can, and I will.”
     2. By His death and endless life, Jesus saves.

1. jesus is greater than solomon in wonder (1 kings 10:7)
   1. When the Queen of Sheba saw everything that Solomon had done, she was filled with awe and amazement.
   2. But as wonderful as Solomon was, Jesus is more wonderful.
   3. We cannot articulate, our emotions cannot describe, and our brains cannot comprehend the wonders that belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords.
   4. When we see Him in glory, we will say that we were not told the half of it.
      1. Because we have to see it for ourselves.
         1. Wait until we get to Heaven.
         2. Wait until, by His grace, we look upon His face.
         3. When we see Jesus, we will say, “Yes, it was worth it all.”
   5. Jesus is greater in wonder.
      1. The breath went out of the Queen of Sheba when she saw Solomon and all of his glory.
      2. But one day, we will see Jesus in all of His glory.
2. CONCLUSION
   1. Jesus is greater than Solomon, and He is greater than everyone else.
      1. He is greater than everyone else put together.
   2. There is only one dear, wonderful, and glorious Savior.
      1. And Jesus wants to save you today.
         1. He will save you if you’ll trust Him.
   3. If you want the Lord Jesus, then you must understand that you are a sinner.
      1. Your sins deserve judgment.
   4. Jesus took your sins, carried them to the cross, and bore your judgment.
      1. He paid the penalty for your sin with His own precious blood.
   5. By His grace, Jesus will save you if you will receive by faith the gift of everlasting life.
      1. You cannot earn it.
      2. You will never deserve it.
      3. It is a gift to sinners such as we.
   6. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   7. 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