

PURPLE Table: Wisdom – 1 Kings 3:3-15; Wisdom 8:5, 6-8, 9-18, 21

Read 1 Kings 3:3-15. In your own words, explain why Solomon asked God for wisdom.

How did God reward Solomon for this request?

Now read just the first verse of the next passage, Wisdom 8:5. What do you think is meant by “what is richer than Wisdom, who produces all things”?

Next read Wisdom 8:6-8. Give an example of how one of the seven virtues might relate to Wisdom. (*Refer to the “Catholic Connection” section on page 839 for the cardinal virtues.*)

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Now read Wisdom 8:9-18. What do you think of the way Solomon talks about Wisdom as he would talk about a person – as “my bride” (Wisdom 8:18)?

Today, what items or ideas might we talk about as “her” or “she”?

Finally, look at Wisdom 8:21. Do you agree that “knowing that I could not otherwise possess her unless God gave it – and this, too was prudence to know whose gift she is”? Why or why not?