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Recap of 5/21/06

1. As Solomon dealt with the threats to God's rule in Israel in 1 Kings 2 we must deal with the threats to God's rule in our live. Threat such as the world, the flesh, and the Devil.
2. Christians are not to be dominated by the world ("the fallen universe, hostile to God"). To be dominated by the world is to be dominated by physical appetites, to be covetous, to be prideful. (1 John 2:15-17; James 1:27) The answer to the world is to have our minds renewed by the Word of God (Romans 12:1,2).
3. Christians are not to be dominated by the flesh or sinful nature (that capacity within every person "to initiate, promote & commit sin." Rather than yielding to the flesh, we are to yield control to the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:13ff; Ephesians 5:19)
4. Christians are not to be deceived by Satan's strategies & counterfeits. (Genesis 3; Matthew 4) We are to be growing in the Christian life (the Word, faith, grace, prayer) thus putting on the whole armor of God. (Ephesians 6:10-18)

"The Surprising Request"

1 Kings 3:1-28

I. Wisdom requested vv. 1-15

II. Wisdom displayed vv. 16-28