



# Thru the Bible in 2012

*The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God endures forever. Isaiah 40:8*

## Ladies for Jesus Thursday Bible Study Lesson

Readings for July 13, 2012 – July 19, 2012

Class Discussion: Thursday, July 19, 2012

### Solomon's Request

Solomon Asks for Wisdom (1 Kings 3:4-15)

Who initiated the interaction – the Lord or Solomon? (v. 5)

In what ways did Solomon describe himself? (vs. 7-9)

Why did Solomon's request please the Lord? (vs. 10-11)

What did the Lord tell Solomon He would give him? (vs. 12-13)

What did the Lord require of Solomon and what did He say he would give him if he did it? (v. 14)

What do you ask of the Lord? Is it wealth and honor or is it wisdom and discernment?

### The Wisdom of Solomon

1 Kings 4:29-34

Do you believe that the Lord will give you the same amount of wisdom that He gave Solomon?

### **Building the Temple (1 King 5)**

Cedar is one of the most aromatic and resistant types of wood known. The variety known as the Cedar of Lebanon was of especially good quality, solid, not many knots, and of a deep rich reddish color. The trees themselves were of a rather unusual shape - quite wide with branches growing nearly straight out, and a nearly flat top (in contrast to, for example, the North American White or Black Cedar varieties which are seldom as tall and always narrower). They could sometimes reach a height of well over 100 feet (30 meters). Their very name came to symbolize strength and magnificence.

Cedar wood was used in Jerusalem for various construction projects, including the king's palace and the Temple itself (perhaps unfortunate there, when the Babylonians under King Nebuchadnezzar conquered and burned much of the city - cedar, although very beautiful and aromatic, also burns very hot and fast due to the highly flammable resins in the wood).

For a long time very plentiful, Cedars of Lebanon are now extremely rare. This magnificent tree (and many other great and beautiful plants and animals now extinct) will be making a big comeback one day however. God will be seeing to that.

