

Queen of Sheba

READ

- You might like to read 1 Kings 10 or listen to it [here](#).
- Sheba is usually identified with Yemen and Ethiopia today .
- The Queen of Sheba is a gentile woman not defined by her sexual relationship with an Israelite man.
- “When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the Lord, she came to test Solomon with hard questions.”
- She seeks to find out about the truth of Solomon’s wisdom and achievements.
- “The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes.”
- Solomon and the Queen of Sheba exchange gifts.



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REFLECT

- You might like to read the passage once more and pause at a word or phrase that strikes you.
- Meditate over this word or phrase with God until you come to a point of stillness.
- What do you sense God's invitation to you might be and how do you want to respond?
- As you finish your time of prayer you might like to thank God for what God has to teach you through the story of the Queen of Sheba.
- You might like to close your time of prayer by praying the Lord's Prayer.



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RESPOND

- At some point this week you might like to pray practically with what you have read about the Queen of Sheba.
- You could do this through collage, poetry, bible art journalling, or another creative approach.
- You might like to read John 20: 24-31. Thomas, like the Queen, wanted to see proof with his own eyes.
- What things do you believe in without seeing?
- Where would you like God to increase your faith?



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I had heard the stories
They seemed too fantastic.
That much wisdom?
So many achievements?
Such a relationship with the Lord?

So I visited.
I asked hard questions.
Questions I wanted answers to.

Overwhelmed, I believed

I had heard the story.
Too fantastic.
I need to see
I need to touch.
Such a relationship with the Lord?

So He visited.
Stop doubting, He said.
Touch me, He said.

Overwhelmed, I believed.