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2 Good evening. You would open your bibles to first Kings First Kings chapter 10 First Kings chapter 10. First Kings chapter 10. We'll read the first nine verses of first Kings chapter 10. And when the Queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to prove him with hard questions.

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4 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bear spices and very much gold and precious stones. And when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions. There was not anything hid from the king, which he told her not. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, and the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendants of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the lord, there was no more spirit in her.

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6 And she said to the king, it was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. How be it I believe not the words until I came and mine eyes had seen it, and behold, the half was not told me. Thy wisdom and prosperity exceeded the fame which I heard. Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee and that hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the Lord thy God which delighted in thee to set thee on the throne of Israel because the Lord loved Israel forever.

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8 Therefore, made he the king to do judgment and justice. I love this story, but as a child, I remember thinking to myself that this was a story of a wealthy queen who had heard about potentially a wealthier king, and she had to go see who was wealthier. I thought she'd heard of his fame and she wanted to go see who was better, who had more money, who was more powerful. But there's an important phrase in the first verse of chapter 10 that tells us it's more than that. And when the Queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, There was more to this.

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10 She heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord. It is quite evident that the Queen of Sheba's visit to Solomon is a picture of us or the sinner coming to Christ. We come to him for our Lord himself referred to it in Matthew 12. Listen to what the Lord said in Matthew, The Queen of the South shall rise up in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it. For she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon and behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

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12 This this evening, I wanna take a few minutes and examine how this story is a parallel to us coming to the Lord. And in doing so, I wanna look at a few aspects of what she experienced, of what made her come, all those things. So look in verse 1. Look at this. It says, and when the queen of Sheba heard, when she heard, she had to have heard something pretty special.

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14 Often, we hear things that pique our interest. We live in a society today where we can pretty much find out anything in a matter of moments. When we hear something that's a question, or something we don't know, if it intrigues us enough, we just type it on our phone and we get the answer. Well, in this day and age, there was nothing that she could do other than finding someone else or hearing what someone else to give a report. And it says here, she heard she heard something of the fame of Solomon.

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16 It says, I've looked through different writers and the estimation is that she lives somewhere around 1500 miles or more away from him. And that this journey, at the very least, would take months, but most people estimated it would take over a year to come and see him. Can you imagine what you would have to hear to walk to New Mexico? This woman traveled a treacherous journey over an extended period of time on something she had heard. As a sinner, the Lord peaks the ear of his children.

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18 He makes us to hear something. Now, I'm gonna say this now and I won't keep saying this over and over again, A sinner will not come to Christ in the same way this woman came to Solomon unless the Lord makes us to hear something. Okay. And nothing am I gonna say does this woman deserve credit or in this illustration or us deserve any credit of any kind for coming to the Lord. But I'm gonna say over and over again, we must come to the Lord.

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20 The only way we can come is if he makes us to come. Everything I say I feel like I would need that qualifier. I need to keep saying, but only because he makes us to come. But I don't wanna keep saying it. So remember that.

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22 All of this is of the Lord. So she heard something. Now, what have we heard of the Lord
Jesus Christ? What could we hear about him that would make us come to him? Well, turn
with me to Isaiah chapter 7.

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24 Isaiah chapter 7. In Isaiah 7, look at verse 14. Look what we hear hear about our lord.
Therefore, the lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and
bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel.

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26 We hear about the person and work of Christ. Turn over a page to Isaiah 9 Isaiah 9 verse
6. It says, for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government
shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the
mighty God, the everlasting father, the prince of peace. Listen to what it says in
Galatians about the work of Christ. But when the fullness of the time was come, god sent
forth his son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the
law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

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28 Is that something that's worth hearing? Is that something that's worth coming to Christ?
To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. What
else have we heard? Turn over to Hebrews 1.

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30 Hebrews chapter 1. I wanna turn to a few of these verses because in case we haven't
heard, maybe this is a reminder, but if someone hasn't heard this, there are so many
amazing things about our lord in this book and that have been preached in this place
that are each individually worth us coming to him. But I wanna show with some of these
in the scripture because it'll come to it in a few minutes with the Queen of Sheba where
she says, she came to prove that he he was what she'd heard. We must prove through this
book what he's done. Alright.

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32 Look in Hebrews 1 verse 1. God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners, spake in
time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by
his son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds, who
being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding
all things by the word of his power. When he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on
the right hand of the majesty on high, being made so much better than the angels, as he
hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the
angels said he at any time, thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee and again I
will be to him a father and he shall be to me a son. This man, the Lord Jesus Christ, he
made the worlds.

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34 I don't even think that I use the term worlds. I think of a singular world. He's made
the worlds. He's made more than we can comprehend. It says in verse 3, he's the express
image of his person upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by
himself purged our sins.

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36 Is that worth coming to the Lord Jesus Christ? That he purged our sins? Talk about
something we can't do. He purged our sins. Listen to what it says in Colossians, For by
him, we were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and
invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers, all things
were created by him and for him.

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38 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the
body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things
he might have the preeminence. For it please the father that in him should all fullness
dwell. He created all things, and he has preeminence over all things. I find it so
frustrating for lack of a better term.

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40 How many times I hear things in false religion completely accepting that God created the
world, yet he doesn't have the power to control over everything. To think that he can
create all things and that he doesn't have dominion and power over it all. But he does.
It says it right here. He says, he has dominion over everything.

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42 Principalities, powers, things we don't even understand. He has power over all of them.
He's in control. Turn with me to one more, 1st Corinthians 15. 1st Corinthians 15.

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44 And verse 20. But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them
that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his
own order, Christ the first fruits, afterward, they that are Christ's at his coming.

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46 Then cometh the end when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the father,
when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign till
he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.
For he hath put all things under his feet, but when he sayeth all things are put under
him, it is manifest that he is accepted, which did put all things under him. And when
all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the son also himself be subject unto
him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

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48 Have we not heard of the person and work of Christ? Have we not heard of the deity, the
glory of Christ? Have we not heard of the wisdom and power of Christ? Have we not heard
of the death and resurrection of Christ? This morning, there was a message on mercy.

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50 In this book, it says that his mercy endureth forever. Another message on grace, it says
in this book that his grace is sufficient for thee. Paul told Festus in acts, he said,
these things these things I'm telling you, they weren't done in a corner. These things
were done in the open. These things were done for all to see.

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52 We have a book that was written for this and it's probably for all the wrong reasons but
this book is in every drawer, in every hotel room, and all over the place. And it's
there because this is there for everyone to see. This is the truth. No one can say they
have not heard of this man, Jesus Christ. And what we've heard of him, all these things
we've heard, what would that make us do?

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54 Turn back to our text. Turn back here. Let's see what she did in this example. First
Kings 101 says, and when the Queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the
name of the Lord, she came. She went.

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56 She heard something so great that her only recourse, the only thing she could think to
do is, I've got to go see if this is true. I have to go see this person. If the Lord
Jesus Christ ever, ever pricks your heart or your ear to truly hear the things of this
book, the things that he's done, the only result will be to come to him. You you can't
not come to him. If you hear, if he shows you who you are and who he is, you get a
glimpse of the holiness of God, there's nothing to do but to come to him.

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58 Now I understand in this illustration, she could come to a person. Solomon was a man and
we don't have that. But in this example, we can come, we can approach our lord. This
book says so many times, come unto me. It says, approach the lord, come to him.

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60 The queen having heard of Solomon, came to him to see and hear for herself. She took the
only course she could. She came directly to him. Take everything to the Lord directly to
him. Don't go around anywhere else.

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62 Don't look for another option. Go straight to him. Is this not the thing for all sinners
to do? Come to Christ. Come directly to him.

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64 Don't be satisfied with only hearing of him. There was a old preacher who was asked by
someone, would you please write down in black and white? Write it down on a piece of
paper. Can you write what I'm supposed to believe? Can you give me a text?

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66 There are so many things. Can you give me one thing? Give me one thing to read and to
believe. To which this pastor replied, it is not any one text nor any number of texts
that save. Any more than a manslayer, a murderer, could be saved by reading the signpost
on the road to the city of refuge.

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68 That man must go and enter the City of Refuge. Salvation is in Christ and in coming to
Him. When a man is thirsty, he is not satisfied by going to the well, by studying the
well, by looking at the water of the well. Satisfaction comes by drinking. In Colossians
it says, to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery
among the Gentiles.

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70 This mystery which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. The hope of glory is Christ in
you. It is in you. Look back at verse 2 or verse 1 says, and when the Queen of Sheba
heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to prove him with
hard questions. This word prove is one that I think we misunderstand.

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72 Unfortunately, I'll speak for myself, but I I think a lot of people do this. When
someone tells me something, I so often immediately think in my head, prove it. If you
tell me something that I'm I just isn't natural for you to hear, you say, I just did
this. My my mind so often is doubting. I don't know if that's because I'm so apt to lie,

73 or so apt to embellish, or to make things up, but I always think to myself, prove it.

74 I wanna see it. Show me. And you can show me a picture or show me something and I'm
75 like, oh, okay. You did. Why do we act that way?

76 But that's not necessarily what she's saying. It says, she came to Solomon, she came to
77 prove him with hard questions. She came to him because she wanted what he knew and what
78 had been given to him to be applicable to her. We don't come to Christ doubting that
79 he's done what he says. We come to Christ because we want him to show us that he's done
80 this.

81 We want him to show us what he's done. I don't come to Christ looking, thinking, I doubt
82 he can do that. I don't think I doubt he would do it for me, but I want him to prove
83 when it says that he did this for sinners, I wanna see it. I want him to show it to me.
84 I wanna understand because without that understanding, I just don't get it.

85 I don't understand. She proved him with hard questions. Now, the queen came to him with
86 many hard questions, and I've read so many different writers who've written a bunch of
87 hard questions. I have no idea what questions she asked him, But can I tell you the
88 difference in a hard and an easy question? If you know the answer.

89 If I said, what's 1+1? Pretty much everybody in here thinks that's an easy question.
90 Well, if I go back in the nursery right now and ask that question, that's a hard
91 question. A hard question is a question we don't know the answer to. We come to Christ
92 with questions that we don't know the answer to.

93 Questions that we can't solve ourselves. We wanna ask him, can I be saved? Is there a
94 way for me to be saved? What what can you do for me, Lord? We come to him with so many
95 questions because we have no answers.

96 We have so many questions because we don't have answers. We come to him with hard
97 questions. We come to him with any question we have. To him, give all the prophets, the
98 Lord Jesus Christ. This woman had read.

99 K. She had read something because it says she was concerning the Lord. Now at this time,
100 I'm not sure if she just had the initial 5 books of the the Bible. I'm not sure what
101 exactly she had, but she had something. And maybe she asked the question, all Old
102 Testament prophecies, these things I've read, these pictures, these types, these
103 sacrifices point to someone and to some great event.

104 Who is that? She probably asked him that. Who gave you all this power? You talk about
105 this. I'm sure Solomon told her.

106 He told her his experience. He told her where the power came from. He told her that the
107 all of this is of the Lord. It's all from him. He didn't do anything to deserve this.

108 In Luke it says, to him give all the prophets witness that through his name, whosoever
109 believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. All of it. Look in verse 3. Well,
110 verse 2. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bear
111 spices, and very much gold and precious stones.

112 And when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.
113 She came to him and she asked him everything that was in her heart. Every single thing
114 that was on her heart, she asked him. Anything that is on our heart, take it to the
115 lord. Anything.

116 If it's a burden, if it's a pain, if it's a pleasure, if it's anything, take everything
117 to the lord. It says she took she asked him all that was in her heart. All of it. And
118 what happens? Look at verse 3.

119 Solomon told her all her questions or he answered all her questions. He did not hear a
120 question that he didn't have the answer for. Every single question that we ask the Lord,
121 he will give us an answer. Now, maybe you're thinking to yourself, I don't know what
122 questions to ask. That's okay.

123 Because if you come to him, it's because he's given you a question. And when he gives
124 you a question, he'll answer the question. And you know what he does then? He gives you
125 the next question and then he gives you that answer and he gives you the next question.
126 The Lord takes us every step of the way.

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104 We just don't understand anything. We sooth see through the glass dimly. He gives us the question and he gives us the answer. He gives us all these things. And Solomon told her all her questions.

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106 There was not anything hid from the king, which he told her not. I love that not only does it say he had all the answers, but it said there was not anything hid from the king, which he told her not. Our lord answers all our questions and tells us everything we need to know. He gives us exactly the answer we need, in the exact moment we need it, for the exact time we're in. It says nothing was hid.

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108 Now, one day, we'll see things clearly and we'll get more to that in a minute, but he will give us the answer and everything we need. If there's a question that you can't find an answer to in this book, that if you have a question that you pray about and the Lord doesn't answer, it's not the right question. We get bogged down sometimes and and it's shameful that we think about all this stuff. We've heard our pastor talk about these words and different things. If it's a question that we can't find in this book and our Lord doesn't answer us, move on.

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110 Get back to him. Focus back to a question on the Lord Jesus Christ. Look at verse 4. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom and the house that he had built and the meat of his table and the sitting of his servants and the attendants of his ministers and their apparel and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit in her. When she had seen everyone around him, when she had seen his court, when she had seen his servants, when she had seen everybody, it says there was no more spirit in her.

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112 She she didn't know what to do. She had no words. She had no actions. She had nothing. It was if her soul had been removed.

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114 She could not think of anything. When the Lord Jesus Christ answers our question, when he calls us to him, when he shows us who he is, when we get a glimpse of the Lord Jesus Christ, it will take our breath away. We will have no words. We will have no understanding other than to do what she did. We have to praise him.

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116 We give him glory. Verse 6 says, and she said to the king, it was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. He says, it was true. Everything I'd heard was true about you. All of it.

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118 Verse 7, how be it? I believe not the words until I came and mine eyes had seen it. One day, one day, everyone will see the glory, the power and the holiness of God. In this life, we are called to come to him and to believe on him. To believe from what we've seen in this book and what we've heard and what he shows us.

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120 Because when we stand before him, it's too late. If we ever stand before God in our own in our in our own self, by ourselves, we will be condemned. We must be in the Lord Jesus Christ. But it says here, I believe not until I came and mine eyes had seen it. Until the Lord shows us who he is, we will not believe.

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122 When I said, we only come because of him, we only ask because of him, we will only see, we will only believe because he makes us. Lord, I believe, help my unbelief. Verse 7, how be it, I believe not the words until I came and mine eyes had seen it, and behold, the half was not told me. I had heard so many things. I had heard unbelievable things, things that I cannot comprehend.

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124 I cannot comprehend how how could the lord Jesus Christ be like, why would he save me? Why would he do this? But seeing, it's believing, but not the half was told. If the half was not told on Solomon, the billionth, the infinityth isn't told on the Lord Jesus Christ. The things we've heard as as this woman, she didn't know what to do.

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126 As the disciple who ascended in into the 3rd heaven, when he came back, he said, it's not lawful to use words. He said, I don't even like, I don't even understand how to say anything. We, as humans, we don't have words in any language that anything could even touch how amazing it was. What we will see from what we've heard, what we hear is amazing. And if we could truly understand this book and understand him, it it would be even more so.

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128 But in our little understanding, it will be infinitely greater when we see his glory, his purpose, and what he's done. When the queen had seen Solomon's wisdom, the house he

had built, his riches, his piety, she was quite astonished. Like one who had no power to speak because what she saw and heard had affected her so much. And she said to him, what they told me, the half was not told to me. At the end of verse 7, and behold, the half was not told me, thy wisdom and prosperity exceeded the fame which I had heard.

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130 We will see one day that every single thing that has happened, every single thing that he purposed was all just perfect. Not only was it better than we expected, it could not have been done better. Every single thing that happens to a child of god, it couldn't have happened in a better way. It couldn't. It's the exact thing he purposed in the exact manner and for the exact purpose.

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132 All of it is perfect. So much better than we could ever imagine. Though we heard of Christ's love, we heard of his mercy, his grace, and his glory, it was not until we came to him in faith, by his calling that we saw and experienced Christ, the wisdom and power and glory of God. We stand amazed in the presence of our Lord, realizing that it is impossible to put into words the riches of his grace and glory. Look at verse 8, Happy are thy men.

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134 Happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee and that hear thy wisdom. She said, every single person around you, everyone in your house, everyone that comes in contact with you, all of them seem to be the happiest people in the world. They seem like they wouldn't trade their standing as a servant for this king for anything else. Anyone who sees Christ, anyone who sees him and who he is and his holiness would not trade that for anything. Now apart from Christ, we would trade everything for anything.

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136 It's shameful what we would do, But we can't. In the same way that we can't save ourselves, we can't unsave ourselves. We can't do anything. But every single person that is in Christ will be the happiest person alive. They will be and this is something that is always a struggle to even to even say.

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138 Every person the the street sweeper in glory, we heard stories about all these things about someone, you take any job you could get. Any person that the Lord has saved is just the happiest person ever. Alright. Finally, let's look at verse 9. Blessed be the lord thy god, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel because the lord loved Israel forever.

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140 Therefore, made he the king to do judgment and justice. The queen blessed the lord god who delighted in Solomon, who put him on the throne of Israel to do judgment and mercy. The Lord loved Israel forever and he made Solomon their King. He gave them this King. The father loves the son and has given all things into the Lord's hands.

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142 The father delights in the son and gave him preeminence. The father made Christ the surety. He made him the prophet, the priest, and the king of spiritual Israel because he loved them all in Christ with an everlasting love. Christ came to the earth to honor God's law, to satisfy God's justice, to do judgment and justice that God may be just and justifier of all who believed. Turn to Romans chapter 3, and I'm I'll be done.

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144 Romans 3. Look at verse 25. Whom god has set forth, the lord Jesus Christ, whom god has set forth to be propitiation through faith in his blood to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past through the forbearance of god. To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness, that he might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus Christ. All these things we've heard, all these things I've said, If you even have a simple understanding of what these mean.

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146 A phrase that always comes to my head when I hear all these things that the lord has done for his people. It just sounds too good to be true. I know that's what the queen of Sheba thought. He heard those things and she made that journey thinking to herself, there's no way this is all true. There's no way the things I've heard of him can all be true.

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148 Thankfully, these things are too good, but they're all true. Everything that is in this book that the Lord Jesus Christ has done, they're all true. And they're all done for those that are in him. It says, come unto me and be ye saved. Just come.

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150 He has to draw us, but all I can say is come to the lord Jesus Christ. He'll give you the question. He'll give you the answers. He'll do it all. Just come to him.

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152 We've heard great things. And as this queen did, we need to have this reaction. When

someone says so many of these things that I've just read, so many of these things I've said about the person and work of Christ, the glory of Christ, the wisdom of Christ, his death and resurrection, his sacrifice, the mercy, his mercy endureth forever, his grace is sufficient, all those things. We need to have the same response as her. Pack it up, let's take everything we've got, and let's go to him.

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That's all that matters. He has everything. Every single person that is in Christ, that is with Christ, that is in glory with Christ, all of them are the happiest people in the world. They have everything in him. So again, come to him.

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Drop everything. Come to the lord Jesus Christ, and he'll give you peace. Alright.