June 5 Answers

1) The power, the wealth and the wisdom of Solomon. Even <u>Jesus</u> would later refer to "Solomon in all his glory" (Matt 6:29). Solomon ruled over all the kings from the Euphrates River to the border of Egypt. They paid <u>tribute</u> to him and served him all the days of his life. He became so wealthy that silver was as plentiful as <u>stone</u> and cedars were as common as <u>sycamores</u>. His knowledge and wisdom became legendary, and his fame spread across the world. Kings sought his presence and longed to hear the wisdom God had given him. The queen of <u>Sheba</u>, not believing the fantastic reports of Solomon's fame, came to test him with difficult questions. "Solomon answered <u>all</u> her questions; there was <u>nothing</u> hidden from the king that he could not explain to her" (1 Kgs 10:3). She marveled at Solomon's wisdom, and she envied his servants, for they had the privilege of standing before him and <u>hearing</u> him every day. We also have the privilege of hearing such wisdom on a daily basis, for Solomon's wisdom came from <u>God</u>. We are blessed to have God's complete revelation in written form, and we can read and study it anytime we want. How wonderful to have such knowledge and understanding!