



**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**  
**Wednesday of the Fifth Week**  
**in Ordinary Time**



*Good morning!*

We read 1 Kings 10:1-10, Psalm 37, and Mark 7:14-23. We are influenced by many voices whether they be in music, news reports, speaking with friends, listening to strangers, or reading reports. The queen of Sheba had heard about King Solomon and went to visit him as she could test him with subtle questions. She was overly impressed and could see and hear the wisdom with which God gifted Solomon. Jesus states, "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person, but the things that come out from within are what defile." Do you carry wisdom within you? When we spend time with God we obtain wisdom that forms our good judgment, brings joy to our hearts, and guides us in our lives. If we listen to and depend on worldly opinions and advice, our actions will speak those influences. Our balance comes from spending time with the Lord, listening to Jesus, and living humbly and justly. Where do you find the "truth"?

*Peace,*  
*RevKev*

*"The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom!"*

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