

● **WARM UP**

I grew up in a household with six children. Mealtimes could be interesting. I remember my mum getting so cross with one of us one day that she tossed the pot of peas on the floor. We all used to do the dishes together to rock & roll and dance around the kitchen, hence my mum getting upset. That was one enduring memory in a very happy family. Sadly our conversation around the table did not include the things of God. Growing up, we watched TV at mealtimes and I decided that would be banned when my children grew up. With my children I have tried to talk about what God was speaking to me about in my devotions, and bring teaching from the everyday difficulties that faced them at school. The dinner table is a great place to talk.

● **READ** 2 Chronicles 9:3-4 (NKJV)

● **BACKGROUND**

King Solomon had things in order. It was the order that the Queen of Sheba noticed and commented on in the Bible passage. The opposite of order is chaos and that is the way many people live their lives.

There are a number of things that we are shown here. The first is the way people sat at the table and how they were seated. Secondly is the way the servants operated and were dressed.

Lastly, the Queen of Sheba observed the entryway to the house of God. She saw it as significant. Let's find out why.

● **QUESTIONS**

- 1 What were meal times like in your home as you were growing up and what are they like now?
- 2 Read Deuteronomy 6:6-7 and discuss how you could obey this verse in your household?

3 Solomon's devotional life was observable. What would a person see looking at yours?

4 Some important things in my devotions are: a place, a plan, a pattern, and prayer. What is missing for you and what works for you?

What is God saying to me?

● **LET'S PRAY**

● **REAL LIFE STORIES OF GOD'S POWER**



I am a born again Christian. I lost my way with soft drugs and as a result experienced health problems which eventually, through medication and a lot of prayer and plenty of altar calls, came right. I then went into a dark harrowing place called epilepsy. This was from the over-medication of my health problems. Bill prayed for my condition. Now I am cured of everything. David

● **CONSIDER THIS**

There is a point in Solomon's life where he ceases to go up by his entryway and he begins to worship other gods. This leads to his decline.

In a recent study of 100 pastors who fell into sin, in every case they had stopped having their regular devotional time. They had stopped going by their entryway to the house of God.

Jesus told us that we are not to live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds forth from the mouth of God.