

PROVERBS 30 – The Wisdom of Agur!

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The Words of Agur

Pro 30:1 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, his utterance. This man declared to Ithiel—to Ithiel and Ucal:

- This is a prophecy given by this man Agur, who is the son of Jakeh, to these two men Ithiel and Ucal. He begins by confessing his own sin and nothingness.

Pro 30:2 Surely I am more stupid (dull-minded, brutish) than any man, And do not have the understanding of a man.

- Paul the apostle speaking of himself said that he was the chief of sinners. This man begins by saying, “*Surely I am more stupid than any man, And do not have the understanding of a man.*”. Sort of again, the idea of the chief of sinners. “I have not the understanding of a man.” That is, “The understanding that I have is not learning, This is something that was given to me by the Lord.

Pro 30:3 I neither learned wisdom Nor have knowledge of the Holy One.

- “I neither learned wisdom, or I do not claim to have the same knowledge. I have not learned these things. He is saying, we are not wise enough to govern our own lives. We need the wisdom of God.

Pro 30:4 Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?

- He posed five questions to anyone who denies the existence of God. The only answer to these questions is the existence of God! Imagine waking up each morning without the wisdom of God. What an unbearable weight that would be. Yet that is the way it for those who reject God. God and the name of His Son is the only answer! **This verse is a shock to most Jewish people that believe that God has no Son!** There should have never been a surprise when Jesus came to earth as the Son of God!

Pro 30:5 Every word of God is pure (true, flawless); He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

- Now having gone from declaring that these things are not from man's wisdom. They are not from God! Now, “*every word of God is pure.*” The safest place of anyone to walk is in the safety of walking and trusting in Him!

Pro 30:6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

- In (Rev 22:18-19) *For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; [19] and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book*

Pro 30:7 Two things I request of You (Deprive (deny) me not before I die):

Pro 30:8 Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches—Feed me with the food allotted to me;

- The only prayer in Proverbs. God I do not want to live in emptiness or in a lie!
- ***Give me neither poverty nor riches—Feed me with the food allotted to me.*** Lord, I do not want to be rich, I do not want to be poor, let me just be somewhere in between.,” and he had a reason for asking that. Lord, please just give me you know I need. Not more! Not less!

Pro 30:9 Lest I be full and deny You, And say, "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane (dishonor) the name of my God.

- Now he no doubt observed, as we, how that prosperity has ruined many people spiritually. They were serving the Lord, they were doing great, but suddenly they began to increase, they began to prosper, and they soon, being full, got so involved in so many things that they forgot the Lord. Having observed that, he said, “Lord I do not want to be so rich that I forget you, and I say, ‘Who is God?’”.

- A wise man once said, “Lord never bless me beyond my capacity to love you.” Somewhat like the prayer of Agur here. “Lord, I do not want to be rich and I do not want to be poor. I do not want to be rich so that I would forget you and say, ‘Who is God?,’ neither do I want to be poor, so that I’d be tempted to steal and take the name of God in vain.”

Pro 30:10 Do not malign (accuse, slander) a servant to his master, Lest he curse you, and you be found guilty.

- You have enough to do just to take care of your own welfare, and if you have servants to take care of your own. Do not get involved in another man’s servant, accusing him to his master, lest he curse you, and you be found guilty.

Pro 30:11 There is a generation (4x) that curses its father, And does not bless its mother.

- The Bible commands children to honor their mother and their father. This is the first commandment with promise. But there is a generation in that time, who cursed their father, did not bless their mother, rebelled against their father and their mother. They are always a heartache to their parents when there comes this schism within the family, the breaking of fellowship.

Pro 30:12 There is a generation that is pure (clean) in its own eyes, Yet is not washed from its filthiness.

- Often we justify or rationalize our sin. “I had a right to do it! I had every right to do it! I was right in doing it! Even though it was wrong, I was right!” A generation that was pure in their own eyes.

Pro 30:13 There is a generation—oh, how lofty (haughty) are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up.

- This generation that are so filled with pride and lofty.

Pro 30:14 There is a generation whose teeth are like swords, And whose fangs are like knives, To devour the poor from off the earth, And the needy from among men.

- People who are able to kill you with their tongues. It is a sharp sword, by which they cut people to pieces, and they use it to devour others.

Pro 30:15 The leech has two daughters—Give and Give! There are three things (4x) that are never satisfied, Four (5x) never say, “Enough!”

- The leech sucked the blood, and was never satisfied. “Two daughters that say, Give, give.” *There are three things that are never satisfied, Four never say, “Enough!”*
- *There are three things that are never satisfied, yes, in fact there are four that never say, “enough!”*: “I’m satisfied, full.” Actually, there is more than four if you want to really take a look at life.

Pro 30:16 The grave (sheol), The barren womb, The earth that is not satisfied with water—And the fire never says, “Enough!”

- *The grave* is never satisfied, people are always dying, it is never satisfied, there are adding to them every day. *The barren womb*, that desire to have a child, the barren womb.
- Desert areas never get enough rain! The fire never says “enough!”

Pro 30:17 The eye that mocks his father, And scorns (despises) obedience to his mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles (vultures) will eat it.

- He is referring to when a person was hanged, after they died, the ravens would usually come and pluck out their eyes, carrying them to the nest to feed her young eagles.

Pro 30:18 There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Yes, four which I do not understand:

- He has an interesting way, “there are three, yes, four.” “Things that are just beyond my understanding, I just do not understand them!”

Pro 30:19 The way of an eagle in the air, The way of a serpent (snake) on a rock, The way of a ship in the midst of the sea, And the way of a man with a virgin.

- *An eagle in the air*. You can follow an eagle for a little while, but soon he is climbing out of sight, and you cannot really follow him.
- *The way of a serpent upon a rock*. You can see the trail of a serpent in the sand, but when he gets on the rock, you cannot follow the trail.

- *The way of a ship.* To follow after a ship, you know, and you cannot see it, there is no way to track it.
- The way of a man with a virgin. The power of young love and its desire seems that it would overwhelm both a man and a virgin.

Pro 30:20 This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, And says, "I have done no wickedness."

- **She eats and wipes her mouth:** Since this woman is characterized by her adultery, her eating here is a reference to her sin. She satisfies her hunger for adultery, then casually *wipes her mouth* and considers herself blameless (*I have done no wickedness*). This represents many who sin.

Pro 30:21 For three things the earth is perturbed, Yes, for four it cannot bear up:

- Agur uses the three-and-four phrase again speaking of four unbearable things that trouble the earth.

Pro 30:22 For a servant when he reigns, A fool when he is filled with food,

- Agur did not mean a man with a servant's heart like Jesus, but one with a servile, debased mind, who thought and lived as a slave instead of a free man. It is unbearable when such a man **reigns**.
- When a **fool** is satisfied, it only rewards his folly, enabling him to be even more foolish.

Pro 30:23 A hateful woman when she is married, And a maidservant who succeeds her mistress.

- **A hateful woman when married:** It is unbearable for her husband and her family, to live with her!
- **A maidservant who succeeds her mistress:** When an unworthy one dominates the culture, it becomes unbearable.

Pro 30:24 There are four things which are little (small) on the earth, But they are exceedingly wise:

- Agur noted **four** small animals. yet they are **exceedingly wise**. No human trained them in their wisdom; they are truly taught of God. So, we too, may also be.

Pro 30:25 The ants are a people not strong, Yet they prepare their food in the summer;

- Ants are small and don't have much strength compared to a person or a large animal. Their wisdom is shown in that *they prepare their food in the summer*. They work in the time when work can be done, and aren't lazy or procrastinators. Hard work can overcome individual weakness.
- They are not very strong, that is compared to you. They are very strong in ratio to us. They can carry two or three times their own weight, which you cannot do.
- They are able to work together in cooperative efforts. When an ant finds a piece of bread that is too big for it to carry, it will get three or four friends, and they will work together in carrying that chunk of bread off. They communicate the good news to their friends, .
- An ant's brain cannot be very big. Talk about miniaturization! People have brains that are larger than an ant's brain, but they do not have as much wisdom. We know that death is coming. We know that the time that we are able to labor, and work for the Lord is coming, when the end of that time is coming. Yet, there are people so foolish as to make no eternal preparation!
- Now the ant exercises, and demonstrates its wisdom, in laying up its food in the summer, gathering those leaves, chewing them up, depositing them in one of the rooms of their colony,
- Other ants gather the nectar. They have these little storage ants that hang from the ceiling, and just bloat as the ants deposit all the nectar in them. They just hang there, and have the nectar all stored for the wintertime, then they go and drink out of the mouth of that ant, letting it regurgitate its product for them.

Pro 30:26 The rock badgers (conies, hyraxes) are a feeble (not mighty, little power) folk, Yet they make their homes in the crags;

- The conies or **rock badgers** are a little feeble folk, but they are wise. They do not have the speed or strength to stand against a large predator. But they wisely **make their homes in the crags** and make the strength of the rock their own strength, finding refuge.
- We are no match for Satan, who goes about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. If we were as wise as the coney, we would make our home in the Rock, Christ Jesus. So that the enemy cannot get to you because you are as strong as the rock.

Pro 30:27 The locusts have no king, Yet they all advance (go forth) in ranks;

- The **locusts** don't seem to have any kind of appointed leadership or structure. Yet they have the wisdom to *advance in ranks*, overwhelming anything that is in their way. If the locusts fought against themselves, they would get nowhere. They fight against the vegetation that they consume. *Teamwork can win the day.*
- Division is where the weakness of the church is. If the church can ever combine its efforts. If we could quit fighting with ourselves and with each other, if we could lay aside our differences, and just join together in a common cause, we could accomplish so much for the kingdom of God.

Pro 30:28 The spider (lizard) skillfully grasps with its hands, And it is in kings' palaces.

- The **spider** isn't loved, but it wisely uses its skill and unique abilities to go anywhere it wants to, taking hold, even in **king's palaces**.
- God has given to us exceeding rich, and precious promises that we need to hold onto. One day, we are going to dwell in a king's palace. And with David, I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

Pro 30:29 There are three things which are majestic (stately) in pace, Yes, four which are stately in walk:

Pro 30:30 A lion, which is mighty (strongest) among beasts And does not turn away from any;

- Oh, to watch a lion going through the jungle. It is just a beautiful sight, the grace, the power!

Pro 30:31 A greyhound (strutting rooster), A male goat also, And a king whose troops are with him.

- In the margin of some Bibles, is the horse. To see a horse running, to see a horse prancing. Beautiful!
- The demeanor, and the all with which the king goes. Or to see that goat as it is going up the side of the steep cliffs, and you wonder how in the world can it do that!

Pro 30:32 If you have been foolish in exalting yourself, Or if you have devised evil, put your hand on your mouth.

- The exalting of oneself is always foolish. "He that exalts himself shall be abased." If you have done that, or if you have thought evil, just lay your hand on your mouth. .

Pro 30:33 For as the churning of milk produces butter, And wringing (wringing, pressing) the nose produces blood, So the forcing of wrath produces strife.

- That sort of speaks for itself doesn't it??

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BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! *Maranatha praise band - 2:32*

*Father in heaven how we love you we lift your name in all the earth may your kingdom
be established in our praises as your people declare your mighty works
blessed be the Lord God almighty who was and is and is to come
blessed be the Lord God almighty who reigns forever more (2x)*

Who reigns forever more!

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