

Words of Agur Proverbs 30 pt. 3

“Three things are too wondrous for me; four I can’t understand.”

-Proverbs 30:18

As you reflect on those things that are hard to understand in life, how do you process dealing with the unknown?

*Trust God’s C_____

*Remember God’s P_____

*Embrace F_____ over F_____

*Accept the limits of human u_____

*Look at biblical examples of walking into the unknown: A_____ ; M_____

“By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and set out for a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out, even though he did not know where he was going.”-Hebrews 11:8

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15-16The leech has two daughters: “Give, Give!” Three things are never satisfied; four never say, “Enough!”: Sheol; a childless womb; earth, which is never satisfied with water; and fire, which never says, “Enough!”

What is the main idea of this text?

Beware of the t_____!

Leech: root meaning to suck. Horse leech, blood sucking leech, an aquatic parasite whose relentless appetite made it a vivid symbol of greed. Leech is known for its physical tenacity staying attached until it is fully stuffed.

Notice the metaphorical connection:

✓ Leech has two d_____ : Give, Give!

The word give is repeated in the imperative tense meaning a demand is being made. G_____ me more, even more!

Why are greedy people are never satisfied?

✓ Their d_____ expand faster than their a_____ to enjoy anything. This creates an inner emptiness that nothing external can fill.

Proverbs 21:26

Generally speaking, what are some things greedy people crave?

*M_____ *Status recognition *Power & C_____

*Possessions *P_____ *Praise & V_____

As Agur continues, he shares four things that are never satisfied:

*G_____ : The dead never stop dying and the grave of humanity never seems to be filled.

*Barren w_____ : The longing for a child never ends, the ache of its emptiness turns into an unfulfilled purpose.

*Earth: constant need of water; desert, drought, change of seasons.

*F_____ : Burns as long as there is fuel to burn.

None of these things ever say e_____!

17 As for the eye that ridicules a father and despises obedience to a mother, may ravens of the valley pluck it out and young vultures eat it.

What is the warning of this text?

- Don't d_____ your parents!

In light of the text, a proper b_____ was an important part of ancient culture and still is today. Agur is cursing all of those who treat their parents with contempt by saying I hope they don't receive a b_____ and the birds e___ their body.

Eye: helps us to see and perceive things. Reveals the inner cast of the mind. We also speak with our eyes.

Sadly, there are many children, teens, and adults who harbor a rebellious and stubborn attitude toward their parents. They constantly reject authority and set themselves up to be at odds with God.

What are some consequences for being at odds with God?

*D _____ *D _____ *D _____

□ 2 Samuel 18:9-15; Romans 6:23

Why is Agur so passionate about this?

*His d_____ has become God's d_____;

□ Psalm 97:10; Romans 12:9

18-19 Three things are too wondrous for me; four I can't understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship at sea, and the way of a man with a young woman.

What is the main idea?

- M_____ that are hard to understand.

Notice how each example:

#1 Manages a task that seems impossible #2 Visible, then hidden

#3 Moves without leaving a trace #4 Moves in the domain of something else

Eagle: Flying in the a____; power, height, and grace.

Snake: Shows itself openly, moves quickly on rock without causing h_____ to itself.

Ship: Although it is small compared to the ocean, it is able to navigate to and from.

Man with a virgin: Power of young love and its desires seems overwhelming, but they marry and make a productive life together.

As we reflect on these, who created and made them all possible?

- G_____!

□ Deuteronomy 29:29; Job 37:5; 42:3

20 This is the way of an adulteress: she eats and wipes her mouth and says, "I've done nothing wrong."

Main idea?

- The way of a s_____!

In contrast to the marvelous things God created and sustains, there are those who not only continue in sin, but try to hide it and deceive others.

Adulteress: One who makes a habit of sexual immorality. This includes men as well.

Notice her actions:

□ she ___ and _____ her mouth and says, "I've done nothing wrong."

*Commits the s_____.

*Hides the e_____.

*Claims I_____.

What causes people to sin, hide, and deceive?

*Lack of a m_____ conscience.

*Gratifying the f_____

□ Romans 2:15; Galatians 5:16-17

What is one thing you have learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

"The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, observing the wicked and the good." -Proverbs

15:3