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NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

TEXT || PROVERBS 30



AGUR'S HUMBLE INTRODUCTION: Read Proverbs 30:1-6

The words of Agur the son of Jakeh: Proverbs 30 is a collection of wisdom from a man known only to this chapter of the Bible. When the "men of Hezekiah" gathered additional material for Proverbs (Proverbs 25:1), they added these words of Agur. This chapter is filled with observations on life and the natural world.

- o How does Agur introduce himself?
 - Compare how David, Job, and Amos talked about themselves (See Psalm 73:22, Job 25:6, Amos 7:14-15).
 - Why do they see themselves this way and how does that relate to us?
- o Verse 4 consists of many questions.
 - How can the "Who" be known? (See Job 42:1-6, Isaiah 46:8-11, 66:18-19, Romans 8:18-39)
- o How do you view yourself before God? Why is it important to have our standing in perspective? How has Jesus' death and resurrection changed this?
- o Why is it so important to have a high view of Scripture? (See Proverbs 30:5-6)

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A PRAYER OF INTEGRITY: Read Proverbs 30:7-9

Agur seems to recognize his own weakness - his tendency to forget God when life is easy and to turn away from God when life gets too hard.

- o Compare Agur's prayer to the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. What similarities do you see?
- o What does this passage say about contentment?
- o How can this passage guide your prayers?

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HARD WORDS: Read Proverbs 30:10-17

Agur's stern warnings and observations that have eternal consequences. He uses the pattern of three and then four implying that the list is specific but not exhaustive.

- o The Bible talks a lot about the servant/master relationship. How can verse 10 apply to you today?
- o Verse 12 talks about seeing ourselves rightly. Compare with Matthew 23:25-26 and Proverbs 16:2; 20:9.
 - How can we be "pure"?
 - List passages of Scripture that talk about forgiveness.
- o Agur gives some stern warnings to those who curse, mock and scorn their parents.
 - Why does God value honoring parents so highly? (See Exodus 20:12)

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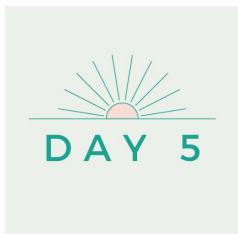


THINGS TOO WONDERFUL / THINGS THAT SHAKE THE EARTH: Read Proverbs 30:18-23

Agur continues with his three then four lists. From things too amazing to understand, to things that rock the earth.

- o Agur lists 4 things that are too amazing for him to understand about God's creation.
 - *What things do you see that make you praise God for what He has done?*
 - *What world events cause your world to be shaken?*
- o What is wrong with a "godless fool who gets plenty to eat"?
 - *How can you prevent yourself from being the "godless fool"? (See Ecclesiastes 2:25, 5:18, Psalm 16:11, and Matthew 5:6)*

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PLAYING THE FOOL: Read Proverbs 30:24-33

Four things small yet wise and four that move with majesty.

- o Why can you learn from Agur's list of small but wise creatures (vv 24-28)?
- o At the beginning of this chapter, Agur expressed his own humility.
 - *In verses 32-33, he instructs us not to "play the fool and exalt yourself".*
 - *What does James 4:10 tell us to do and how can you do that?*
- o What does "clap your hand over your mouth" mean?
 - *How can you make that happen in your own life?*

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