

Proverbs Chapters 30 and 31

Chapter 30 –The Words of Agur – means “to collect”

VS 1-4 Agur makes a disclaimer – not the brightest, nor most learned, nor one who has vast knowledge of the Holy One.

Four questions

1. Who has ascended into heaven and descended?
2. Who has gathered the wind in His fists?
3. Who has wrapped the waters in a garment?
4. Who has established the ends of the earth?

Agur is referring to the Lord God – Jesus ascended and descended and is Lord over all creation – earth, air, wind, fire, and He (Jesus) established the earth. (John 1:1-3)

VS 5-6 – God’s Word

- Tested
- A Shield
- A refuge
- Do not add to or take away from God’s word. (Revelation 22:18)
- Psalm 119:97-104

VS 7-9 Two Things

1. Keep deception and lies from me
2. Give me neither poverty nor riches

VS 10 – 14 – Four kinds of people/generation

1. Who curses parents – Exodus 20:12
2. Pure in their own eyes yet unclean – Rev 3:17
3. Haughty and lofty with arrogance – Proverbs 6:16-19
4. Ones who devour the needy and afflicted – I Peter 5:8

VS 15 – 16 Four things that are never satisfied

1. The grave
2. The barren womb
3. Earth satisfied with water
4. Fire

VS 17 – mocking parents is punished

VS 18-19 Four Things I Do not Understand

1. Eagle in the sky
2. Serpent on the rock
3. Ship on the sea
4. A man with a maid

VS 20 – The Adulterous Woman

VS 21-23 – Four difficult things

1. A slave who becomes king
2. A fool who is full
3. Unloved woman who is married
4. A maid servant who supplants her mistress

VS 24-28 Four small things on the earth that are wise

1. Ants
2. Badgers
3. Locusts
4. Lizard

VS 29-31 Four things that are stately

1. Lion
2. Strutting cock
3. Male goat
4. King with his army

Chapter 31 – The Words of Lemuel’s Mother

Lemuel – devoted to the Lord, also Bathsheba’s nick name for Solomon

Warnings from Bathsheba to her son Solomon

- Sexual sin
- Alcohol
- Judge honestly and fairly

Bathsheba’s counsel on how to choose a wife

- Excellent – or virtuous – implies character
- Trustworthy
- Supportive of husband
- Industrious
- Forward thinking – looks for opportunities
- Physically healthy
- Kind and generous towards the poor
- Wise
- Not lazy
- Children respect her
- Fears the Lord