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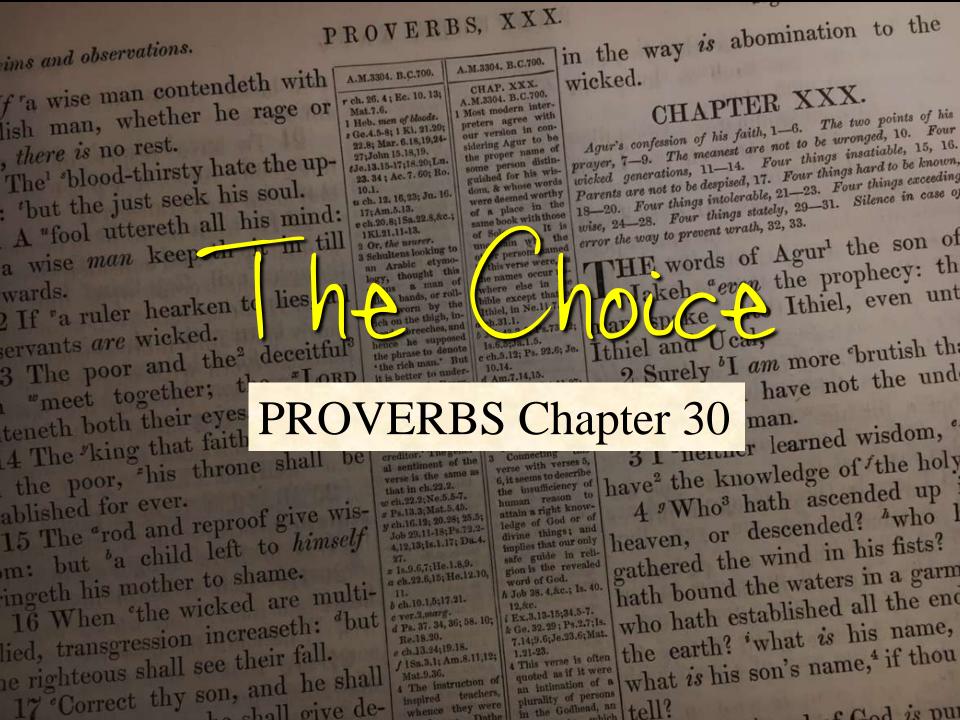
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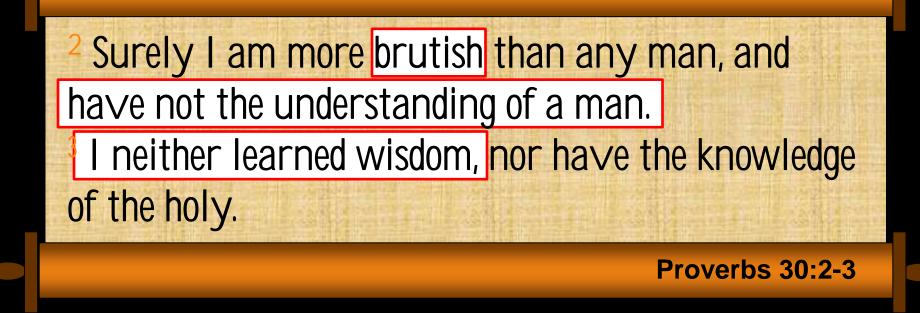
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¹ The words of the collector the son of the Obedient, even the prophecy: the man spake concening the God who comes, even the God who comes to be consumed!

- This was penned around 1000 B.C.!
- ...yet is a prophecy that God would come and allow Himself to be consumed!
- This is the heart of the Christian Gospel



- Brutish = carnal, natural, of the flesh
- "I am as much of the flesh as any man"
- I have not the understanding of Adam
 - "Not limited to the understanding of Adam"
 - "I did not need to be taught wisdom"
 - "nor did I need knowledge of the holy"

⁴ Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

- Has anyone here this morning attained this level of knowledge and understanding?
- God is here putting a challenge to all of us:
- What do you know? & from whom did you learn it?

Epistemology

 The Bible exhorts us to think soberly, particularly in regard to the choices we make

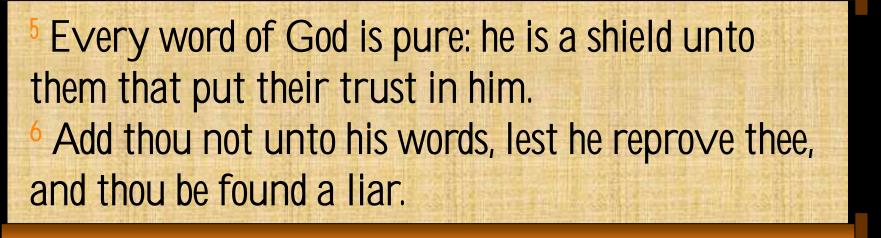
-i.e. Whom or what do we trust?

- Do you believe the Bible is true?
- If not, what is your foundation?
- Your own opinion?

– Dangerous ground!

• The opinion of others?

– Even worse!!



- The One who is all-knowing and is trustworthy offers to be a shield of protection...
 - But there is a condition...
- Unto them that put their trust in Him!

The Choice

- We each have a choice...
- Entrust our lives and eternity to One who knows everything and who has promised to protect us...
- OR
- Entrust our lives to our own wisdom

⁷ Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: ⁸ Remove far from me vanity and lies: give meneither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: ⁹ Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

Proverbs 30:7-9

 Solomon states that there is nothing more important than my relationship to God!

¹⁰ Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

¹¹ There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. ¹² There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. ¹³ There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. ¹⁴ There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

Proverbs 30:11-14

This Generation

¹ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

- ² For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- ³ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- ⁴ Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 2 Timothy 3:1-4

¹⁵ The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough:
¹⁶ The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough.

Proverbs 30:15-16

¹⁷ The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

- The Bible speaks of a valley and of birds that will eat up the flesh of those who reject God
- If you reject God you will (by default) choose God's enemy
- "Strong delusion" is coming.

¹⁸ There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: ¹⁹ The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rout of the sea; and ²⁰ Such is the v eateth, and wi done no wicked

²¹ For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear:
²² For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;
²³ For an odious woman when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

Proverbs 30:21-23

²⁴ There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: ²⁵ The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; ²⁶ The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; ²⁷ The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; ²⁸ The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

²⁹ There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going:
³⁰ A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;
³¹ A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up.

Proverbs 30:29-31

³² If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth.

³³ Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

Proverbs 30:32-33





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