

1 בְּרֹאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

2 וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תְהוֹ וּבְהוּ וְחֹשֶׁךְ עַל-פְּנֵי תְהוֹם וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים

מְרַחֶפֶת עַל-פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם:

3 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אֹר וַיְהִי אֹר:

4 וַיֵּרֶא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-טוֹב וַיִּבְרַךְ אֱלֹהִים בֵּין הָאֹר וּבֵין

The Choice

הַחֹשֶׁךְ:

5 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לְאֹר יוֹם וּלְחֹשֶׁךְ קִרְא לַיְלָה וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב

וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם אֶחָד: פ

in the way is abomination to the wicked.

CHAPTER XXX.

Agur's confession of his faith, 1-6. The two points of his prayer, 7-9. The meanest are not to be wronged, 10. Four wicked generations, 11-14. Four things insatiable, 15, 16. Parents are not to be despised, 17. Four things hard to be known, 18-20. Four things intolerable, 21-23. Four things exceeding wise, 24-28. Four things stately, 29-31. Silence in case of error the way to prevent wrath, 32, 33.

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PROVERBS Chapter 30

... a wise man contendeth with
... man, whether he rage or
... there is no rest.
The¹ blood-thirsty hate the up-
... but the just seek his soul.
A^u fool uttereth all his mind:
... a wise man keepeth it in till
... wards.

2 If^o a ruler hearken to lies,
... servants are wicked.
3 The poor and the² deceitful
... meet together; the³ LORD
... teneth both their eyes
4 The⁴ king that faith-
... the poor, his throne shall be
... ablished for ever.
15 The⁵ rod and reproof give wis-
... om: but⁶ a child left to himself
... ingeth his mother to shame.
16 When⁷ the wicked are multi-
... lied, transgression increaseth: ^dbut
... the righteous shall see their fall.

A.M.3304. B.C.700.
r ch. 26. 4; Ec. 10. 13;
Mat. 7. 6.
1 Heb. men of bloods.
2 Ge. 4. 5-8; 1 Ki. 21. 20;
22. 8; Mar. 6. 18, 19, 24-
27; John 15. 18, 19.
3 Je. 13. 15-17; 18. 20; Ln.
23. 34; Ac. 7. 60; Ro.
10. 1.
4 ch. 12. 16, 23; Ju. 16.
17; Am. 5. 13.
5 ch. 26. 8; 1 Sa. 22. 5, &c.;
1 Kl. 21. 11-13.
6 Or, the unwar.
7 Schultens looking to
an Arabic etymolo-
gy, thought this
denotes a man of
bands, or roll-
sworn by the
on the thigh, in-
proaches, and
hence he supposed
the phrase to denote
'the rich man.' But
it is better to under-

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CHAP. XXX.
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1 Most modern inter-
preters agree with
our version in con-
sidering Agur to be
the proper name of
some person distin-
guished for his wis-
dom, & whose words
were deemed worthy
of a place in the
same book with those
of Solomon. It is
uncertain who the
other persons named
in this verse were,
the names occur-
ring elsewhere in
the bible except that
Ithiel, in Ne. 11. 7.
ch. 31. 1.
2 Ps. 73. 2;
Is. 6. 9, 10, 11, 15.
3 ch. 5. 12; Ps. 92. 6; Je.
10. 14.
4 Am. 7. 14, 15.

creditor. The general
sentiment of the
verse is the same as
that in ch. 22. 2.
w ch. 22. 2; Ne. 5. 5-7.
x Ps. 13. 3; Mat. 5. 45.
y ch. 16. 12; 26. 28; 25. 5;
Job 29. 11-13; Ps. 72. 2-
4, 12, 13; Is. 1. 17; Da. 4.
27.
z Is. 9. 6, 7; He. 1. 8, 9.
a ch. 22. 6, 15; He. 12. 10,
11.
b ch. 10. 1, 5; 17. 31.
c ver. 2, marg.
d Ps. 37. 34, 36; 58. 10;
Re. 18. 20.
e ch. 13. 24; 19. 18.
f 1 Sa. 3. 1; Am. 8. 11, 12;
Mat. 9. 36.
4 The instruction of
inspired teachers,
whence they were
Dathe

3 Connecting this
verse with verses 5,
6, it seems to describe
the insufficiency of
human reason to
attain a right know-
ledge of God or of
divine things; and
implies that our only
safe guide in reli-
gion is the revealed
word of God.
h Job 38. 4, &c.; Is. 40.
12, &c.
i Ex. 3. 13-15; 34. 5-7.
k Ge. 32. 29; Ps. 2. 7; Is.
7. 14; 9. 6; Je. 23. 6; Mat.
1. 21-23.
4 This verse is often
quoted as if it were
an intimation of a
plurality of persons
in the Godhead, an

THE words of Agur¹ the son of
... Takeh² even the prophecy: th
... Ithiel, even unt
2 Surely³ I am more brutish th
... have not the und
3 I neither learned wisdom,
... have² the knowledge of the holy
4 Who³ hath ascended up
... heaven, or descended? ^hwho
... gathered the wind in his fists?
... hath bound the waters in a garm
... who hath established all the end
... the earth? ⁱwhat is his name,
... what is his son's name, ⁴if thou
... tell?

¹ The words of **Agur** the son of **Jakeh**, even the prophecy: the man spake unto **Ithiel**, even unto Ithiel and **Ucal**,

Proverbs 30:1

- Agur – “to collect” the collector
 - What was Solomon a collector of? Wisdom
- Solomon was not his birth name.
 - Jedidiah was the name confirmed by Nathan 2 Sam 12:25
- Jakeh ‘The obedient’ – i.e. David
- Ithiel – “God Comes” – a synonym of Emmanuel
- Ucal – a Hebrew Verb “to be consumed”!

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

Proverbs 30:1

- 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

2 Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man.

3 I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

Proverbs 30:2-3

- 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?

Proverbs 30:4

- 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!!

5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Proverbs 30:5-6

- 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 me neither 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.

Proverbs 30:10

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.

Proverbs 30:17

- 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 rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and

20 Such is the way of the vulture, which eateth, and will not be filled; which doeth no wickedness,



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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