

Agur

Proverbs 30:1-9

30:1 The words of **Agur** the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,

30:2 Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man. **30:3** I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the Holy [One]. **30:4** 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?

30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. **30:6** Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

30:7 **Two things** have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: **30:8** Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: **30:9** 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 30:10-32

30:10 Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

30:11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. **30:12** There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. **30:13** There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. **30:14** 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.

30:15 The horseleach hath **two daughters**, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, **four things** say not, It is enough: **30:16** The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough.

a forgotten man

Unlike King Solomon who is the well-known author of most of the book of Proverbs, Agur, the writer of Proverbs chapter 30, is a mostly forgotten man.

30:17 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.

30:18 There be **three things** which are too wonderful for me, **yea, four** which I know not: **30:19** 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 the way of a man with a maid.

30:20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

30:21 For **three things** the earth is disquieted, and for **four** which it cannot bear: **30:22** For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat; **30:23** For an odious woman when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

30:24 There be **four things** which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: **30:25** The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; **30:26** The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; **30:27** The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; **30:28** The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

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

30:32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth. **30:33** 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.