

Proverbs 30

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The Words of Agur: I Am Weary, O God

- ¹ The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,
- 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.
- 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?
- ⁵ Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.
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- ⁶ Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.
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Four Requests

- 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.
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- ¹⁰ Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.
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Four Generations of Wicked People

- 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.

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- 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.

Four Insatiable Things

- 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.

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- 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.

Four Wonderful Things

- 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 the way of a man with a maid.
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- 20** Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

Four Things That Are Unbearable

- 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.

Four Small but Wise Creatures

- 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.

Four Stately Things

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

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- 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.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Holy — קָדוֹשׁ (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קָדוֹשׁ) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

Wrath — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

CROSS REFERENCES

Proverbs 30:2 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 73:22; 1 Corinthians 3:18

Proverbs 30:3 **Holy:** Proverbs 9:10. **Parallel theme:** Romans 11:33

Proverbs 30:4 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 28:58; 30:12; Job 26:8; Psalms 68:18; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 53:8; John 3:13; Romans 10:6; Revelation 19:12

Proverbs 30:5 **Faith:** Psalms 18:30; 91:2; 144:2. **References God:** Psalms 84:11. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 3:3; James 3:17. **Word:** Genesis 15:1; Psalms 12:6; 119:140; Romans 7:12

Proverbs 30:6

Parallel theme: Deuteronomy 12:32; 1 Corinthians 15:15. **Word:** Deuteronomy 4:2

Proverbs 30:7 **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 2:9; Psalms 21:2; 27:4; Luke 10:42

Proverbs 30:8

Parallel theme: Proverbs 21:6; 22:8; Exodus 16:35; Job 23:12; Psalms 119:29; 119:37; Matthew 6:11; 6:33; Luke 11:3; Acts 14:15

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Proverbs 30:11 **Curse:** Proverbs 20:20; Exodus 21:17; Leviticus 20:9; Deuteronomy 27:16.

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Proverbs 30:14 **Parallel theme:** Job 29:17; Psalms 3:7; 12:5; 14:4; 58:6; Ecclesiastes 4:1; Amos 8:4; Revelation 9:8. **Word:** Psalms 57:4

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Proverbs 30:26 **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 11:5; Psalms 104:18

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Proverbs 30:30 **Parallel theme:** Judges 14:18

Proverbs 30:32 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 26:12; Job 21:5; 40:4; Romans 3:19

Proverbs 30:33 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 17:14; 28:25; 29:22

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