

Scripture: Proverbs 30:11-14

Introduction:

Proverbs 30

THE OVERVIEW OF THE CHAPTER: This chapter of Proverbs was written by Agur who spoke it to two men named Ithiel and Ucal (Proverbs 30:1).

"*Agur the son of Jakeh*," (Proverbs 30:1). is an unknown person to us, though he may have been well known to others in Bible times?

He humbly confesses his ignorance (Proverbs 30:2, 3) in the introduction of the chapter.

This does not disqualify him to speak but shows his humility regarding all the wisdom he had learned—the more he learned the more he realized he did not know.

The chief feature of the chapter is its six quatrains (a quatrain is a set of four statements or lines of a verse on a related subject).

Over half of the verses of this chapter are part of a quatrain.

THE OUTLINE (MAIN POINTS) OF THE CHAPTER:

- A. Quality (Proverbs 30:5, 6)
- B. Qualifications (Proverbs 30:7-9)
- C. **Quatrains** (Proverbs 30:11-16, 18, 19, 21-31)
- D. Quotes (Proverbs 30:4, 10, 17, 20, 32, 33)

Analytical Bible Expositor - Proverbs to Song of Solomon.

It is within that section of Quatrains that I want to deal with our subject at hand.

But first, allow me to name them for those of you who are interested:

The Unrighteous Quatrain
The Unsatisfied Quatrain
The Unusual Quatrain
The Unwanted Quatrain

I want to preach this morning on this subject:

Subject: "Today's Generation"

The Unrighteous Quatrain (Proverbs 30:11-14)

Four kinds of unrighteous people are described. They are certainly undesirable in conduct and describe our modern generation exactly!

We have a generation that:

I. **That Dishonors Their Parents** – (Verse 11)

• *The disrespectful.* "There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother" (v.11).

This is a despicable bunch that shows great disrespect for their parents.

Our government is doing the same as it scorns parental authority in some of its laws.

Proverbs 29:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame.

We have a generation that:

II. That's Deceived by Pretense – (Verse 12)

"There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness" (v.12).

[**Illus**] Everybody “says” they’re saved but their life does not reflect it!

This is the self-righteous people who think they are righteous but are not.

Many sinners who trust in themselves to make it to heaven are only self-righteous, seeing themselves as much better than they really are.

Matthew 7:21 (KJV)

²¹ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Galatians 6:7-8 (KJV)

⁷ Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

We have a generation that:

III. That's Defiled with Pride – (Verse 13)

"There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up" (v.13).

This is the group of very proud people who disdain those under them.

Pride has no favor with God and will be punished severely.

Proverbs 11:2 (KJV)

² When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

Proverbs 16:18 (KJV)

¹⁸ Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

We have a generation that:

IV. That's Devouring People – (Verse 14)

"There is a generation whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth" (v.14).

This reminds us of Hitler in his bloody action against Jews attempting to rid the world of Jews and enrich himself with their riches.

Proverbs 10:12 (KJV)

¹² Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

1 John 2:9 (KJV)

⁹ He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

Conclusion: I close with this verse that for the most part sums up our 21st Century plight:

Jeremiah 2:11 (KJV)

¹¹ Hath a nation changed *their* gods, which are

yet no gods? but my people have changed their
glory for *that which* doth not profit.

[**Illus**] As I was telling Bro. Randy and Bro.
Justin in a staff meeting the other day: “*We’ve
traded glory for gold!*”

Listen to this **devotion** I found in my notes
associated with this sermon (from 1994)!!
(Read from copy of *Our Daily Bread*

Invitation Hymn: Bro. Justin will sing

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Beach: 9/5/21 – a.m.; WHBC, Dalton