

Proverbs 30: The Wisdom of Humility and the Word of God

I. The Limits of Human Wisdom (30:1–4)

- A. Recognizing our own lack of understanding (vv. 1–2)
- B. Acknowledging that human wisdom is limited (v. 3)
- C. Recognizing God's unmatched power and wisdom (v. 4)

II. The Purity of God's Word (30:5–6)

- A. Every word of God is pure (v. 5)
- B. God is a shield to those who trust Him (v. 5)
- C. Do not add to God's Word (v. 6)

III. The Prayer for a Balanced Life (30:7–9)

- A. Ask God for truth and integrity (v. 8)
- B. Avoid both poverty and riches (v. 8)
- C. Depend on God for daily needs (vv. 8–9)

IV. Warnings About Human Behavior (30:10–14)

- A. Do not slander others (v. 10)
- B. Honor parents (v. 11)
- C. Avoid self-righteousness (v. 12)
- D. Reject pride and arrogance (v. 13)
- E. Do not oppress the poor and needy (v. 14)

V. Four Things That Are Never Satisfied (30:15–16)

- A. The leech and its insatiable appetite (v. 15)
- B. The grave (v. 16)
- C. The barren womb (v. 16)
- D. The dry earth and consuming fire (v. 16)

VI. Four Things Too Wonderful to Understand (30:18–20)

- A. The way of an eagle in the air (v. 19)

- B. The way of a serpent on a rock (v. 19)
- C. The way of a ship in the sea (v. 19)
- D. The way of a man with his bride (vv. 19–20)

VII. Four Things That Disturb the Natural Order (30:21–23)

- A. A servant who becomes king (v. 22)
- B. A fool filled with food (v. 22)
- C. An unloved woman who marries (v. 23)
- D. A maidservant who displaces her mistress (v. 23)

VIII. Four Small Creatures with Great Wisdom (30:24–28)

- A. Ants — prepare ahead (v. 25)
- B. Rock badgers — find security in the rocks (v. 26)
- C. Locusts — work together in order (v. 27)
- D. Spiders (or lizards) gain access to unexpected places (v. 28)

IX. Four Things with Majestic Movement (30:29–31)

- A. A lion, mighty among beasts (v. 30)
- B. A greyhound or strutting rooster (v. 31)
- C. A male goat (v. 31)
- D. A king whose army is with him (v. 31)

X. The Danger of Pride and Anger (30:32–33)

- A. Do not exalt yourself foolishly (v. 32)
- B. Stop before speaking or acting in anger (v. 32)
- C. Just as pressure produces results, anger produces strife (v. 33)

Proverbs 30 Key Points:

- Humility: Recognize the limits of your own wisdom.
- Trust: Depend on God's Word rather than human understanding.
- Contentment: Seek God's provision instead of pursuing riches at any cost.
- Diligence: Learn from the small creatures that prepare and work wisely.
- Self-control: Guard your heart, your words, and your reactions.