

Lesson 9 – Proverbs, Pt. 3

Proverbs 30

1. Agur emphasized his own humility, perhaps to prepare his audience to listen with humility (John 13:16). What is the answer to the questions in verse 4?

2. What did Agur say about God's words?

3. Proverbs 30:15-16
 - a) What four things are never satisfied?

 - b) What is "Sheol"?

 - c) This proverbial riddle prompts the reader to figure out the application. What else might never be satisfied? (Ecc. 5:10; 2 Sam. 13:1-2, 14-15)

4. What two things did Agur request, and why did he ask for these?

5. What do verses 24-28 teach about physical status, size, or strength?

Proverbs 31

6. From whom did King Lemuel learn these things?

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7. Can you think of any kings or other leaders who were destroyed because of a weakness for women?
8. What is said about drinking alcohol? Who suffers when rulers drink?
9. In verses 6-7, did Lemuel's mother advocate giving alcoholic drinks to the poor and suffering? How is this text reconciled with passages such as Prov. 20:1 and 23:29-35? Explain what the instruction to Lemuel meant.
10. How should kings rule? (vs. 8-9)
11. How does an excellent (virtuous) woman benefit her husband? How does her husband view her?
12. How does an excellent woman benefit her children? How do they view her?
13. How does an excellent woman benefit her community?
14. What lesson does v. 30 teach young men?
15. Can you think of an excellent wife in the Bible who fits these descriptions?
16. Can you think of any men in the Bible who married women that were not excellent? How did this affect her husband?