

# Proverbs 30

## Chapter 30

<sup>1</sup> **T**HE words of Agur the son of Jakeh, *even* the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,

<sup>2</sup> Surely I *am* more brutish than *any* man, and have not the understanding of a man.

<sup>3</sup> I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

<sup>4</sup> 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?

<sup>5</sup> Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

<sup>6</sup> Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

<sup>7</sup> Two *things* have I required of thee; deny me *them* not before I die:

<sup>8</sup> Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

<sup>9</sup> 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.*

<sup>10</sup> Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

<sup>11</sup> *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

<sup>12</sup> *There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness.

<sup>13</sup> *There is* a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.

<sup>14</sup> *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.

<sup>15</sup> The horseleach hath two daughters, *crying*, Give, give. There are three *things that* are never satisfied, *yea*, four *things* say not, *It is* enough:

<sup>16</sup> The grave; and the barren womb; the earth *that* is not filled with water; and the fire *that* saith not, *It is* enough.

<sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> There be three *things which* are too wonderful for me, *yea*, four which I know not:

<sup>19</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> Such *is* the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

<sup>21</sup> For three *things* the earth is disquieted, and for four *which* it cannot bear:

<sup>22</sup> For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;

<sup>23</sup> For an odious *woman* when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

<sup>24</sup> There be four *things which are* little upon the earth, but they *are* exceeding wise:

<sup>25</sup> The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;

<sup>26</sup> The conies *are but* a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

<sup>27</sup> The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;

<sup>28</sup> The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

<sup>29</sup> There be three *things* which go well, yea, four are comely in going:

<sup>30</sup> A lion *which is* strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;

<sup>31</sup> A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom *there is* no rising up.

<sup>32</sup> If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou

hast thought evil, *lay* thine hand upon thy mouth.

<sup>33</sup> 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.