

2023.09.30 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 30:1–4

“Proper Wisdom Valuations”

- ¹ The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, his utterance. This man declared to Ithiel—to Ithiel and Ucal:
- ² Surely I am more stupid than any man,
And do not have the understanding of a man.
- ³ I neither learned wisdom
Nor have knowledge of the Holy One.
- ⁴ Who has ascended into heaven, or descended?
Who has gathered the wind in His fists?
Who has bound the waters in a garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is His name, and what is His Son’s name,
If you know?

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these four verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us to value God’s wisdom infinitely more than man’s.

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Proverbs chapter 30 verses 1 through 4. These regards words. The words of Agur, the son of Yakkah has utterance this man declared to Ithiel to Ithiel and Ucal. Surely, I am more stupid than any man. And do not have the understanding of a man. I need their learned wisdom nor have knowledge.

Of the Holy One. Who has ascended into heaven or descendant? Who has gathered the wind in his fists. Who has bound to the waters in a garment. Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name? And what is his son's name? If you know,

So far the reading of God's inspired and And errant worked. In which he teaches us. To really think about. Who it is, who instructs us. When we read the Bible.

And when we hear the Bible, preached, to us. Agur and Jacka and Ethiopoucal. Uh, don't mean much. But the way, Verse 2. Is. Stated. It is implied that it's supposed to sound ironic. To the reader or to the viewer. That this is. One of the wise men, if he had a YouTube channel or a podcast.

You would have. The tons of subscribers who couldn't wait to hear. Uh, what? Super wise? Excellent thing he had to say, and there are men who have a better handle on what reality is like. Um, the that others. Listen to them. And yet. What is a man? Compared to God.

And so, He? Gives verse 2. But he gives the reasoning for verse 2 for Uh, for saying that. Uh, by comparison his words. Should be considered stupid and lacking understanding. Verse 3. In verse 3. In verse 3. He says, I neither learned wisdom nor have knowledge of The Holy One, this is the same idea that is at the end of the book of Job.

That our knowledge of God is so small. And our knowledge of everything else. Is infinitesimally small by comparison to the knowledge that God has. Now, we live in an age in which we've got these ideas. That this theory or philosophy of evolution that thinks like the whole world was primitive until it got to us.

And we are the apex of humanity. And the Lord has allowed us to learn or understand or Manipulate. The creation around us to. Um, a much greater extent than many people throughout the course. Of history. So we are actually in great danger. Of arrogantly, believing What our culture tells itself about itself?

But how very little we know of God, And how infinitesimally small. Is our knowledge of everything else. By comparison to God, And so, the Lord Asks or, or this Agur? By the Holy Spirit, asks this Series of questions. In verse 4 that is very similar to some of the questions that the Lord asks Job in.

At the end of the book of Job, some of the questions that God. Asks, when he is giving the to whom will you liken me speech and Isaiah 40 and The book of Micah and some other places. Who has ascended into heaven or decented? I mean they didn't actually have podcasts obviously, but you want to listen to the podcast to somebody?

How about somebody who has been to the height of heaven and the furthest depths of everything? Who has gathered the wind? In his fists. Okay, has so much power. That if you were to think of his Power in terms of actual physical hands, he could actually enclose The entire atmosphere.

And, Who has bound the waters? In a garment. You know, uh, nice skin garment that you can actually contain some water and just gonna scoops up all the oceans of the world. In his cloak. Who was just, who is established, all the ends of the earth. What is his name and what is his son's name?

If you know, Yeah, you're pretty impressed with Jackka. And you're pretty impressed with Agor the son of Jekka. But Agorith, the son of Jackass by the small amount of wisdom that he had, but the spirit of God, He was not impressed with Jackka and the son of Jacka. He wants to know this guy's name and this guy's son's name so he can get wisdom from him.

And how great then? Is the privilege that we have. That we have the Bible. That the living God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Who is the uncreated creator? Who has being? As belonging to his essence. Is dependent on, no one and nothing and everyone and everything is dependent on him.

And he has given us his words. We know him. And of course, even the way that Outdoor puts it. Provides us that we know him, especially in his son. The Son is the Word himself. He is God. He is the wisdom of God. And he is the one by whom God has communicated his wisdom to us even our Lord Jesus Christ.

So, Whereas those who are worldly. Would flock to and highly value. Hearing. The wisdom of a man like Agor. How much more?

How much more? Should we? Treasure. Having the Bible. And listening to it carefully. And thinking I need to implement that right away. Putting into the practice in our lives. And considering ourselves blessed. That we have gotten to receive such instruction. Move the Lord give us. Such a view of him.

And such a view of man, generally And humility about ourselves specifically. That we may be well instructed. And get real wisdom. For a real living. In and through our Lord, Jesus. Let's pray. Our gracious God and our heavenly Father. We thank you. For this portion of your word and even what it teaches us about how to view.

And respond to. Your word. We pray that your spirit would Press home these realities to our hearts that we would marvel. That we may know you that we may hear. You and learn from you. Give us humility. We pray. Both about ourselves specifically and about man generally So that we would not be overly impressed with those who are mere flesh.

Before we ask it, Jesus name. Amen.