Proverbs: God's Book of Wisdom - Proverbs 30 - Part 3

PROVERB: A short sentence often repeated, expressing a well known **truth or common fact**, ascertained by experience or observation; **a maxim of wisdom**.
PRINCIPLE: A general truth;

Proverbs 30:18-19 There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Yes, four which I do not understand:
a. The way of an eagle in the air,
b. The way of a serpent on a rock,
c. The way of a ship in the midst of the sea,
d. And the way of a man with a virgin.

1. **Agur (wrote pro 30) says there are how many things too wonderful for him?**

2. **How many things did he not understand?**

3. **What are the four things did he not understand?**
    1. **The way of an _____ in the air. Do you understand?**
    2. **The way of a _____ on a rock. Do you understand?**
    3. **The way of a _____ in the midst of the sea. Do you understand?**
    4. **And the way of a man with a _____. Do you understand?**

4. **Name one thing you do not understand the way of? i.e.** *The way of the wind.*

John 3:8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but **cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes**…

Proverbs 30:20 This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, And says, "I have done no wickedness."

5. **v20a: This is the way of an _____ woman: She eats and wipes her mouth,**
   A) adulterous B) loving C) virtuous D) beautiful
6. **What does it mean:** *"She eats & wipes her mouth, & says, "I have done no wickedness."***?**

7. **What other sins do people commit and try to cover up? How?**

8. **Why do people try to cover up their sins? Minimize their sins? Never did the sin?**

John 3:18-21 …And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil **hates the light and does not come to the light**, lest his deeds should be exposed. **But he who does the truth comes to the light**, that **his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God**.

9. What is the action that proves someone hates the light? Loves the light?

10. Over time what will the world do so they can be public with their sin?

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

11. Give examples of what the world says is good, but it is really sin (evil)?

Malachi 2:17 You have wearied the Lord with your words. But you say, "How have we wearied him?" By saying, "**Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delights in them**." **Proverbs 9:17 Stolen water is sweet**, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.

Pro 30:21-23 Under three things the earth quakes, And under four, it cannot endure:

- **a.** Under a slave when he becomes king,
- **b.** Under a fool when he is satisfied with food,
- **c.** Under an unloved woman when she gets a husband,
- **d.** Under female servant when she displaces her mistress.

12. What are the four things under which the earth (society) can not endure?

1. **Under a slave when he becomes _____. Why not endure?**
2. **Under a fool when he is satisfied with _____. Why not endure?**
3. **Under an unloved woman when she gets a _____. Why not endure?**
4. **Under female servant when she displaces her _____. Why not endure?**

13. What other types of situational changes could cause a business, society, family, or friendship to quake?

Proverbs 30:24-28 Four things are small on the earth,

a. The ants are not a strong people,…

b. The rock badgers are not a mighty people,…
c. The locusts have no king,…
d. The spider you may grasp with the hands,…

14. Name the four things that are small on earth and their description:

1. **The _____, Not a _____ people.**
2. **The rock _____, Not a _____ people.**
3. **The _____, have no _____.**
4. **The _____, you may grasp with the _____.**

Proverbs 30:24-28 Four things are small on the earth, But they are exceedingly wise:

a. The ants are not a strong people, But they prepare their food in the summer;
b. The rock badgers are not a mighty people, Yet they make their houses in the rocks;
c. The locusts have no king, Yet all of them go out in ranks;
d. The spider you may grasp with the hands, Yet it is in kings' palaces.

15. How are each thing below exceedingly wise:

1. **The Ant: Prepares their food in the _____. Why are they wise?**
2. **The Rock Badger: Make their houses in the _____. Why are they wise?**
3. **The Locusts: All of them go out in _____. Why are they wise?**
4. **The Spider: Are in kings' _____. Why are they wise?**

16. Where did the wisdom of the ant, rock badger, locust, and spider come from?

17. Did they ask for wisdom? Can they pursue wisdom? Why not?

18. What other animals or insects do you see (know about) are exceedingly wise?

19. What is the evidence a Christian has great wisdom too?

Proverbs 3:4-6:

a. Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
b. Lean not on your own understanding;

c. All your ways acknowledge Him,

Job 1:8: *Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man,*

d. one who fears God
e. shuns evil

James 4:6-8 *God resists the proud, But gives grace to the…*

f. humble
g. submits to God
h. resists the devil
i. draws near to God
j. cleanses their hands (trust in Jesus)
k. purifies their hearts (trust in Jesus)

20. What is the evidence someone lacks wisdom?

Proverbs 26:12 Do you see a man **wise in his own eyes**? There is more hope for a fool than for him. **Psalm 53:1** The fool has said in his heart, "**There is no God**." They are **corrupt**, and have **done abominable iniquity**; There is **none who does good**.

Proverbs 30:29-31 There are three things which are majestic in their march, Yes, four which are stately when they walk:

a. A lion, which is mighty among beasts And does not turn away from any;
b. The strutting rooster;
c. The male goat also,
d. And a king whose troops are with him.

21. What are the three animals that are majestic in their march:

1. **A _____, which is mighty among beasts. Do they turn away?**
2. **The strutting _____; What does it mean to strut?**

STRUT: A **lofty proud step or walk with the head erect**; affectation of dignity in walking.

3. **The male _____ also; Demeanor of a goat?**

Male Goat Demeanor: An intact male goat (buck) displays an independent, dominant, and territorial demeanor.

Proverbs 30:29-31 Yes, four which are stately when they walk…And a king whose troops are with him.

22. How does the king with his troops, reflect a majestic march?

Pro 30:32 If you have been foolish in exalting yourself, Or if you have plotted evil, put your hand on your mouth.

23. v32a: **If you have been foolish in exalting yourself,… put your _____ on your mouth.**

A) leg B) hand C) elbow

24. What does it mean: *"If you have been foolish in exalting yourself,… put your hand on your mouth.*

25. v32b: **If you have plotted _____, put your hand on your mouth.**

A) diagrams B) evil C) good

26. What does it mean: *"…if you have plotted evil, put your hand on your mouth."***?**

Pro 30:33a For the churning of milk produces butter,

27. v33a: **For the churning of milk produces _____,**

A) sheep B) cereal C) butter D) poop

Pro 30:33b And pressing the nose produces ,

28. v33b: **And pressing the nose produces _____;**

A) fainting B) blood C) buggers D) tears

Pro 30:33 For the churning of milk produces butter, And pressing the nose produces blood; So the churning of anger produces strife.

29. v33c: **So the churning of anger produces _____.**

A) righteousness B) love C) happiness D) strife

30. What is the meaning: *"the churning of anger produces strife"***?**

31. How could the churning of anger be prevented?

Romans 12:19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.