

The Book of Proverbs

Chapter 30 *The Oracle*

In **chapter 30** we have the words of Agur.

No one knows exactly who this man was, but the words are very practical, concerning some of the wonders of the earth.

Proverbs 30:1

(Pro 30:1 ISV*) A discourse by the faithful collector. *[Or by Jakeh's son Agur]* This is what this valiant man declared to the God with me, to the God with me, who then prevailed: *[Or declared to Ithiel, to Ithiel, and Ucal]*

(Pro 30:1 KJV+) The words^{H1697} of Agur^{H94} the son^{H1121} of Jakeh,^{H3348} even the prophecy:^{H4853} the man^{H1397} spake^{H5002} unto Ithiel,^{H384} even unto Ithiel^{H384} and Ucal,^{H401}

(Pro 30:1 NASB) The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the oracle. The man declares to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:

(Pro 30:1 NIV) The sayings of Agur son of Jakeh—an oracle: This man declared to Ithiel, to Ithiel and to Ucal:

Proverbs 30:1

(Pro 30:1 NASB) The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the oracle. The man declares to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:

Who the men of this verse were is unknown.

The Talmud says, "Solomon was called by six names:

- Solomon,
- Jedidiah (**2 Sam 12:25**),
- Koheleth,
- Son of Jakeh,
- Agur, and
- Lemuel."

Agur was the son of Jakeh and he uttered a prophecy to Ithiel and Ucal

We can accept these facts as literal as much as we accept the Minor Prophets, some of whom are as little known as these men.

Proverbs 30:2

(Pro 30:2 ISV*) ¶ Surely I am beyond the senselessness of any man; I do not perceive things *[The Heb. lacks things]* the way human beings do.

(Pro 30:2 KJV+) Surely^{H3588} ^{H595} *am* more brutish^{H1198} than *any* man,^{H4480} ^{H376} and have not^{H3808} the understanding^{H998} of a man.^{H120}

(Pro 30:2 NASB) Surely I am more stupid than any man, And I do not have the understanding of a man.

(Pro 30:2 NIV) "I am the most ignorant of men; I do not have a man's understanding.

These two verses seem to indicate that the speaker was not the wise man, Solomon, unless the utterances were made before he received his divine gifts of wisdom and knowledge.

Proverbs 30:3

(Pro 30:3 ISV*) ¶ I never acquired wisdom, but I know what the Holy One knows.

(Pro 30:3 KJV+) I neither^{H3808} learned^{H3925} wisdom,^{H2451} nor have^{H3045} the knowledge^{H1847} of the holy.^{H6918}

(Pro 30:3 NASB) Neither have I learned wisdom, Nor do I have the knowledge of the Holy One.

(Pro 30:3 NIV) I have not learned wisdom, nor have I knowledge of the Holy One.

Proverbs 30:4

(Pro 30:4 ISV*) ¶ Who has ascended to heaven, and then descended? Who has collected the wind in his hands? Who has wrapped up waters in a garment? Who has established all the farthest points of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name? Surely you know!

(Pro 30:4 KJV+) Who^{H4310} hath ascended up^{H5927} into heaven,^{H8064} or descended?^{H3381} who^{H4310} hath gathered^{H622} the wind^{H7307} in his fists?^{H2651} who^{H4310} hath bound^{H6887} the waters^{H4325} in a garment?^{H8071} who^{H4310} hath established^{H6965} all^{H3605} the ends^{H657} of the earth?^{H776} what^{H4100} is his name,^{H8034} and what^{H4100} is his son's^{H1121} name,^{H8034} if^{H3588} thou canst tell?^{H3045}

Proverbs 30:4

(Pro 30:4 NASB) Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has wrapped the waters in His garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name or His son's name? Surely you know!

(Pro 30:4 NIV) Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has wrapped up the waters in his cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and the name of his son? Tell me if you know!

Questions 40-44. Next, *Prov 30:9*.

Ten Facts about God

1. He can ascend to heaven (*Prov 30:4; Gen 18:33; cp. Gen 28:12; John 3:13; Deut 30:11-12; Rom 10:6-7*).
2. He can descend from heaven (*Prov 30:4; Zech 14:5; Titus 2:13; Jude 14; Rev 21:2,10*).
3. He controls the wind (*Prov 30:4; Eccl 1:6; Matt 8:27; Ps 19:1-6*).
4. He controls the waters (*Prv 30:4; Jb 26:8; Ps 104:6-9; Prv 8:28*).
5. He established the land out of the waters (*Prov 30:4; Gen 1:9-10; Jer 5:22; Job 38:4-11; Ps 102:25*).
6. He has a name (*Prov 30:4; Gen 1:1; Ex 3:13-15; 6:3; 34:14; Ps 68:4; Isa 57:15*).
7. He has a Son (*Ps 2:7; Isa 9:6-7; Matt 1:21; John 3:16; etc.*).
8. His every word is pure (*Prov 30:5; Ps 19:7; 2 Tim 3:16-17*).
9. He is a protector of all who put their trust in Him (*Prv 30:5; Ps 91*).
10. He will not tolerate additions or deletions to His Word (*Prov 30:6; Deut 4:2; 12:32; Rev 22:18-19*).

Proverbs 30:5

(Pro 30:5 ISV*) ¶ Everything God says is pure; he is a shield for those who take refuge in him.

(Pro 30:5 KJV+) Every^{H3605} word^{H565} of God^{H433} is pure:^{H6884} he^{H1931} is a shield^{H4043} unto them that put their trust^{H2620} in him.

(Pro 30:5 NASB) Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

(Pro 30:5 NIV) "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Proverbs 30:7

On Contentment in Life

(Pro 30:7 ISV*) ¶ God, [The Heb. lacks God] I have asked you for two things—don't refuse me before I die—

(Pro 30:7 KJV+) Two^{H8147} things have I required^{H7592} of^{H4480} thee; deny^{H4513} me *them* not^{H408} before^{H2962} I die:^{H4191}

(Pro 30:7 NASB) Two things I asked of You, Do not refuse me before I die:

(Pro 30:7 NIV) "Two things I ask of you, O LORD; do not refuse me before I die:

Proverbs 30:6

(Pro 30:6 ISV*) ¶ Don't add to his words, or he will rebuke you, and you will be shown to be a liar.

(Pro 30:6 KJV+) Add^{H3254} thou not^{H408} unto^{H5921} his words,^{H1697} lest^{H6435} he reprove^{H3198} thee, and thou be found a liar.^{H3576}

(Pro 30:6 NASB) Do not add to His words Or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar.

(Pro 30:6 NIV) Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

Proverbs 30:7

(Pro 30:7 NASB) Two things I asked of You, Do not refuse me before I die:

Six requests in two petitions (Prov 30:7-8):

1. Do not deny my petitions before I die.
2. Remove vanity far from me.
3. Remove lies far from me.
4. Do not give me poverty.
5. Do not give me riches.
6. Feed me only my necessary food.

Proverbs 30:8

(Pro 30:8 ISV*) ¶ Keep deception and lies far away from me, and give me neither poverty nor wealth. Feed me with food that I need for today, [Or that is appropriate for me]

(Pro 30:8 KJV+) Remove far^{H7368} from^{H4480} me vanity^{H7723} and lies;^{H1697 H3577} give^{H5414} me neither^{H408} poverty^{H7389} nor riches;^{H6239} feed^{H2963} me with food^{H3899} convenient^{H2706} for me:

(Pro 30:8 NASB) Keep deception and lies far from me, Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is my portion,

(Pro 30:8 NIV) Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.

[food convenient for me] Allowance of food.

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Proverbs 30:9

(Pro 30:9 ISV*) ¶ so that I don't become overfed and deny you by saying, "Who is the LORD?" or so that I don't become poor and steal, and then misuse the name of my God.

(Pro 30:9 KJV+) Lest^{H6435} I be full,^{H7646} and deny^{H3584} thee, and say,^{H559} Who^{H4310} is the LORD?^{H3068} or lest^{H6435} I be poor,^{H3423} and steal,^{H1589} and take^{H8610} the name^{H8034} of my God^{H430} in vain.

(Pro 30:9 NASB) That I not be full and deny *You* and say, "Who is the LORD?" Or that I not be in want and steal, And profane the name of my God.

(Pro 30:9 NIV) Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

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Proverbs 30:9

(Pro 30:9 NASB) That I not be full and deny *You* and say, "Who is the LORD?" Or that I not be in want and steal, And profane the name of my God.

Six reasons for his requests:

1. Lest I be full, and
2. Deny the Lord.
3. Lest I say, Who is the Lord?
4. Lest I be poor, and
5. Steal, and
6. Take the name of God in vain.

[Who is the LORD?] Question 45. Next, *Prov 31:2*.

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Proverbs 30:10

(Pro 30:10 ISV*) ¶ Don't lie about a servant to his master, or that servant [Lit. or he] will curse you and you will pay for it.

(Pro 30:10 KJV+) Accuse^{H3960} not^{H408} a servant^{H5650} unto^{H413} his master,^{H113} lest^{H6435} he curse^{H7043} thee, and thou be found guilty.^{H816}

(Pro 30:10 NASB) Do not slander a slave to his master, Or he will curse you and you will be found guilty.

(Pro 30:10 NIV) "Do not slander a servant to his master, or he will curse you, and you will pay for it.

Do not falsely accuse a servant, lest you be found guilty and he curse you for slander.

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Proverbs 30:11

(Pro 30:11 ISV*) ¶ Some people ^[Lit. A generation] curse their fathers and won't bless their mothers.

(Pro 30:11 KJV+) *There is a generation*^{H1755} *that curseth*^{H7043} *their father,*^{H1} *and doth not*^{H3808} *bless*^{H1288} *their mother.*^{H517}

(Pro 30:11 NASB) There is a kind of *man* who curses his father And does not bless his mother.

(Pro 30:11 NIV) "There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers;

Proverbs 30:12

(Pro 30:12 ISV*) ¶ Some people ^[Lit. A generation] view themselves as pure, but haven't been cleansed from their own filth.

(Pro 30:12 KJV+) *There is a generation*^{H1755} *that are pure*^{H2889} *in their own eyes,*^{H5869} *and yet is not*^{H3808} *washed*^{H7364} *from their filthiness.*^{H4480 H6675}

(Pro 30:12 NASB) There is a kind who is pure in his own eyes, Yet is not washed from his filthiness.

(Pro 30:12 NIV) those who are pure in their own eyes and yet are not cleansed of their filth;

Proverbs 30:11

(Pro 30:11 NASB) There is a kind of *man* who curses his father And does not bless his mother.

Four classes of people:

1. Those who do not honor parents (*Prov 30:11; 20:20; Ex 21:17; Mark 7:10-13*)
2. Those who are self-righteous (*Prov 30:12; Isa 64:4; Luke 18:9-14; Matt 23*)
3. Those who are full of vanity, pride and insolence (*Prov 30:13; Ps 10:4; 73:6; Prov 8:13; 16:18; Dan 4:37; 1 John 2:16*)
4. Those who are cruel, greedy, and oppressive to the poor (*Prov 30:14; 14:31; 22:16; 28:3; James 2:6*)

Proverbs 30:13

(Pro 30:13 ISV*) ¶ Some people ^[Lit. A generation] —what an arrogant look they have!—raise their eyebrows haughtily.

(Pro 30:13 KJV+) *There is a generation,*^{H1755} *O how*^{H4100} *lofty*^{H7311} *are their eyes!*^{H5869} *and their eyelids*^{H6079} *are lifted up.*^{H5375}

(Pro 30:13 NASB) There is a kind--oh how lofty are his eyes! And his eyelids are raised *in arrogance*.

(Pro 30:13 NIV) those whose eyes are ever so haughty, whose glances are so disdainful;

Proverbs 30:14

(Pro 30:14 ISV*) ¶ Some people ^[Lit. A generation] have swords for teeth and knives for fangs to devour the afflicted from the earth and the needy from among mankind.

(Pro 30:14 KJV+) *There is a generation,*^{H1755} whose teeth^{H8127} are as swords,^{H2719} and their jaw teeth^{H4973} as knives,^{H3979} to devour^{H398} the poor^{H6041} from off the earth,^{H4480 H776} and the needy^{H34} from among men.^{H4480 H120}

(Pro 30:14 NASB) There is a kind of *man* whose teeth are like swords And his jaw teeth like knives, To devour the afflicted from the earth And the needy from among men.

(Pro 30:14 NIV) those whose teeth are swords and whose jaws are set with knives to devour the poor from the earth, the needy from among mankind.

Proverbs 30:15

(Pro 30:15 ISV*) ¶ The leech has two daughters: “Give” and “Give”. Three things will never be satisfied; four will never say “Enough”—

(Pro 30:15 KJV+) The horseleach^{H5936} hath two^{H8147} daughters,^{H1323} crying, Give,^{H3051} give.^{H3051} There are three^{H7969 H2007} things that are never^{H3808} satisfied,^{H7646} yea, four^{H702} things say^{H559} not,^{H3808} It is enough.^{H1952}

(Pro 30:15 NASB) The leech has two daughters, "Give," "Give." There are three things that will not be satisfied, Four that will not say, "Enough":

(Pro 30:15 NIV) "The leech has two daughters. "Give! Give!" they cry. "There are three things that are never satisfied, four that never say, 'Enough!':

Proverbs 30:15

(Pro 30:15 NASB) The leech has two daughters, "Give," "Give." There are three things that will not be satisfied, Four that will not say, "Enough":

[horse-leech] Hebrew: **ṭaluwqah** (OT:5936), horseleech or bloodsucker.

This is evidently figurative of people who are never satisfied and who will take advantage to gain the last portion of good from their victims.

Six quartets of four things (Prov 30:11-31):

1. Four classes of men (*Prov 30:11-14*)
2. Four insatiable things (*Prov 30:15-16*)
3. Four inscrutable things (*Prov 30:18-20*)
4. Four disquieting things (*Prov 30:21-23*)
5. Four little wise things (*Prov 30:24-28*)
6. Four graceful things (*Prov 30:29-31*)

Proverbs 30:16

(Pro 30:16 ISV*) ¶ The afterlife, ^[Lit. Sheol; i.e. the realm of the dead] the barren womb, earth that still demands water, and fire—they never say, “Enough”.

(Pro 30:16 KJV+) The grave;^{H7585} and the barren^{H6115} womb;^{H7356} the earth^{H776} that is not^{H3808} filled^{H7646} with water;^{H4325} and the fire^{H784} that saith^{H559} not,^{H3808} It is enough.^{H1952}

(Pro 30:16 NASB) Sheol, and the barren womb, Earth that is never satisfied with water, And fire that never says, "Enough."

(Pro 30:16 NIV) the grave, the barren womb, land, which is never satisfied with water, and fire, which never says, 'Enough!'

Four insatiable things (Prov 30:15-16):

1. Hell (Sheol) which is never full, but constantly opening

Proverbs 30:16

(Pro 30:16 NASB) Sheol, and the barren womb, Earth that is never satisfied with water, And fire that never says, "Enough."

Four insatiable things (Prov 30:15-16):

1. Hell (Sheol) which is never full, but constantly opening its mouth to swallow people.
2. The barren womb which always craves a child (*Gen 16:2; 29:31; 30:1-2; 1 Sam 1:6-20*)
3. The dry earth which longs for water to quench its parched surface (*Deut 28:23-24; 1 Kings 18:1-6; James 5:18*)
4. The fire which is greedy for everything that burns (*Matt 3:12; Mark 9:43-49; James 3:5; Jude 7*)

Proverbs 30:17

(Pro 30:17 NASB) The eye that mocks a father And scorns a mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

[The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother] Irreverence to parents is cursed by God (*Prov 20:20; Ex 21:17*).

[ravens of the valley shall pick it out] When eating a carcass, ravens begin with the eyes.

[eagles shall eat it] Eagles feed on carrion (*Job 39:27-30; Ezek 39:17; Matt 24:28; Luke 17:37*).

Proverbs 30:17

(Pro 30:17 ISV*) ¶ The eye that mocks a father and looks with a disobedient attitude at ^[Lit. and despises obedience to] a mother—the valley ravens will pluck it out; and vultures will eat it.

(Pro 30:17 KJV+) The eye^{H5869} that mocketh^{H3932} at his father,^{H1} and despiseth^{H936} to obey^{H3349} his mother,^{H517} the ravens^{H6158} of the valley^{H5158} shall pick it out,^{H5365} and the young^{H1121} eagles^{H5404} shall eat^{H398} it.

(Pro 30:17 NASB) The eye that mocks a father And scorns a mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

(Pro 30:17 NIV) "The eye that mocks a father, that scorns obedience to a mother, will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley, will be eaten by the vultures.

Proverbs 30:18

What Causes Wonder

(Pro 30:18 ISV*) ¶ Three things cause wonder for me; four are beyond my understanding:

(Pro 30:18 KJV+) There be three^{H7969} things which are too wonderful^{H6381} for^{H4480} me, yea, four^{H702} which I know^{H3045} not:^{H3808}

(Pro 30:18 NASB) There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Four which I do not understand:

(Pro 30:18 NIV) "There are three things that are too amazing for me, four that I do not understand:

Four inscrutable things (Prov 30:18-19):

1. The way of an eagle in the air
2. The way of a serpent upon a rock
3. The way of a ship in the sea
4. The way of a man with a maid

Proverbs 30:19

(Pro 30:19 ISV*) ¶ The way an eagle flies in the sky, the way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a young woman.

(Pro 30:19 KJV+) The way^{H1870} of an eagle^{H5404} in the air;^{H8064} the way^{H1870} of a serpent^{H5175} upon^{H5921} a rock;^{H6697} the way^{H1870} of a ship^{H591} in the midst^{H3820} of the sea;^{H3220} and the way^{H1870} of a man^{H1397} with a maid.^{H5959}

(Pro 30:19 NASB) The way of an eagle in the sky, The way of a serpent on a rock, The way of a ship in the middle of the sea, And the way of a man with a maid.

(Pro 30:19 NIV) the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a maiden.

Proverbs 30:20

(Pro 30:20 ISV*) ¶ This is what an immoral woman is like: she eats, wipes her mouth, then says “I’ve done nothing wrong.”

(Pro 30:20 KJV+) Such^{H3651} is the way^{H1870} of an adulterous^{H5003} woman;^{H802} she eateth,^{H398} and wipeth^{H4229} her mouth,^{H6310} and saith,^{H559} I have done^{H6466} no^{H3808} wickedness.^{H205}

(Pro 30:20 NASB) This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, And says, "I have done no wrong."

(Pro 30:20 NIV) "This is the way of an adulteress: She eats and wipes her mouth and says, 'I've done nothing wrong.'

Proverbs 30:20

(Pro 30:20 NASB) This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, And says, "I have done no wrong."

How a large and heavy bird can soar through the heavens,
a serpent can glide over a slippery rock,
a ship can plow through the seas without leaving a trace of its path, and
how the man has power over the woman
— these are incomprehensible.

Such is the power of an adulterous woman over her victims.

She destroys them and disclaims any wrongdoing.

Proverbs 30:21

(Pro 30:21 ISV*) ¶ Under three things the earth trembles, under four it cannot remain steady:

(Pro 30:21 KJV+) For^{H8478} three^{H7969} things the earth^{H776} is disquieted,^{H7264} and for^{H8478} four^{H702} which it cannot^{H3808} bear:^{H3201} H5375

(Pro 30:21 NASB) Under three things the earth quakes, And under four, it cannot bear up:

(Pro 30:21 NIV) "Under three things the earth trembles, under four it cannot bear up:

Four disquieting things (Prov 30:21-23):

1. An insolent slave when made king
2. An ill-mannered overfed fool
3. An ill-tempered woman
4. A servant maid married to her master becomes dominating and haughty.

Proverbs 30:22

(Pro 30:22 ISV*) ¶ Under a slave when he becomes a king, a fool when he is overfed,

(Pro 30:22 KJV+) For^{H8478} a servant^{H5650} when^{H3588} he reigneth;^{H4427} and a fool^{H5036} when^{H3588} he is filled^{H7646} with meat;^{H3899}

(Pro 30:22 NASB) Under a slave when he becomes king, And a fool when he is satisfied with food,

(Pro 30:22 NIV) a servant who becomes king, a fool who is full of food,

Proverbs 30:24

(Pro 30:24 ISV*) ¶ Four things on earth are small, but they are very, very wise:

(Pro 30:24 KJV+) There be four^{H702} things which are little^{H6996} upon the earth,^{H776} but they^{H1992} are exceeding wise:^{H2449 H2450}

(Pro 30:24 NASB) Four things are small on the earth, But they are exceedingly wise:

(Pro 30:24 NIV) "Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise:

Proverbs 30:23

(Pro 30:23 ISV*) ¶ an unloved woman when she finds a husband, and a servant girl who inherits from her mistress.

(Pro 30:23 KJV+) For^{H8478} an odious^{H8130} woman when^{H3588} she is married;^{H1166} and a handmaid^{H8198} that^{H3588} is heir^{H3423} to her mistress.^{H1404}

(Pro 30:23 NASB) Under an unloved woman when she gets a husband, And a maidservant when she supplants her mistress.

(Pro 30:23 NIV) an unloved woman who is married, and a maidservant who displaces her mistress.

[odious] Hebrew: **sane°** (OT:8130), to hate.

Translated "odious" only here, but hate 136 times, hateful once, and haters once

(Prov 1:22; 6:16; 8:13,36; 9:8; 19:7; 25:17; 29:10; etc.).

Four Little Wise Things

1. Ants which are diligent in preparing for the future. They have houses, towns, public roads, etc. They have some amazing habits.

Fifteen Ways of Ants (Prov 6:6)

1. The most laborious insects in existence
2. The most highly industrialized
3. They collect food in proper seasons (*Prov 30:25*).
4. Fondly attached to their young
5. They have keen foresight for others.
6. They work quietly without show.
7. They work tirelessly until the work is done.
8. They work together in astonishing systems of organization to the best good of the whole community.
9. They are ingenious carpenters and masons, building their own system of homes and underground tunnels.
10. They keep their homes scrupulously clean.
11. Each has a specific job to help meet the needs of the community.
12. They fight to death to protect their own homes and young from enemies.
13. Their social life compares with that of human beings in many respects.
14. They are intelligent and wise (*Prov 6:6*).
15. They carry out life's work without being forced to do so by a guide, overseer, or ruler (*Prov 6:7*).

Four Little Wise Things

2. Conies which are shrewd in protecting themselves from larger animals.
Those referred to here were brown and larger than the ordinary rabbit.
They lived in holes and clefts of the rocks (**Prov 30:26; Ps 104:18**).
They were unclean for food (**Lev 11:5; Deut 14:7**).
Their feet had sharp hoofs which enabled them to leap from rock to rock with rapid ease, like a squirrel.
They were so wary they were seldom killed by hunters or snared by trappers.
3. Locusts which are harmonious creatures.
They have no king yet they band together as one and are very destructive (**Prov 30:27; Judg 6:5; 1 Kings 8:37; Joel 1:4; 2:25**).
They always travel with the wind (**Ex 10:12-13,18-19**).
4. Spiders which are noted for their great flexibility and the variety of their traps and lairs.
Some spiders spin webs, some dig holes in the ground with trap doors.
Others, having no webs, chase their prey upon the ground.
The Bible deals only with those that spin webs.

Proverbs 30:25

(Pro 30:25 ISV*) ¶ Ants aren't a strong species, [Lit. people] yet they prepare their food in the summer.

(Pro 30:25 KJV+) The ants^{H5244} are a people^{H5971} not^{H3808} strong,^{H5794} yet they prepare^{H3559} their meat^{H3899} in the summer;^{H7019}

(Pro 30:25 NASB) The ants are not a strong people, But they prepare their food in the summer;

(Pro 30:25 NIV) Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer;

Proverbs 30:26

(Pro 30:26 ISV*) ¶ The rock badgers aren't a strong species [Lit. people] either, yet they build their dens in the rocks.

(Pro 30:26 KJV+) The conies^{H8227} are but a feeble^{H3808} folk,^{H6099} yet make^{H7760} they their houses^{H1004} in the rocks;^{H5553}

(Pro 30:26 NASB) The shephanim are not mighty people, Yet they make their houses in the rocks;

(Pro 30:26 NIV) coney are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the crags;

Proverbs 30:27

(Pro 30:27 ISV*) ¶ Locusts have no king, but they all swarm in ranks.

(Pro 30:27 KJV+) The locusts^{H697} have no^{H369} king,^{H4428} yet go they forth^{H3318} all^{H3605} of them by bands,^{H2686}

(Pro 30:27 NASB) The locusts have no king, Yet all of them go out in ranks;

(Pro 30:27 NIV) locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks;

Proverbs 30:28

(Pro 30:28 ISV*) ¶ Spiders can be caught by the hand, yet they're found in kings' palaces.

(Pro 30:28 KJV+) The spider^{H8079} taketh hold^{H8610} with her hands,^{H3027} and is in kings'^{H4428} palaces.^{H1964}

(Pro 30:28 NASB) The lizard you may grasp with the hands, Yet it is in kings' palaces.

(Pro 30:28 NIV) a lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces.

Proverbs 30:29

(Pro 30:29 ISV*) ¶ Three things are stately in procession, four which are stately in their gait:

(Pro 30:29 KJV+) There be three^{H7969} *things* which go^{H6806} well,^{H3190} yea, four^{H702} are comely^{H3190} in going.^{H1980}

(Pro 30:29 NASB) There are three things which are stately in *their* march, Even four which are stately when they walk:

(Pro 30:29 NIV) "There are three things that are stately in their stride, four that move with stately bearing:

Four graceful things (Prov 30:29-31):

1. The lion who is more majestic than any other beast.
2. The greyhound who is exceedingly graceful and fleet.
3. The male goat who is both fierce and majestic as the head of the sheep.
4. A king who walks boldly and gracefully among his loyal subjects and against whom there is no hope of rebellion

Proverbs 30:30

(Pro 30:30 ISV*) ¶ The lion, mighty among the beasts, retreats before nothing.

(Pro 30:30 KJV+) A lion^{H3918} *which is strongest*^{H1368} among beasts,^{H929} and turneth not away^{H3808 H7725} for^{H4480} *any*;^{H3605}

(Pro 30:30 NASB) The lion *which* is mighty among beasts And does not retreat before any,

(Pro 30:30 NIV) a lion, mighty among beasts, who retreats before nothing;

Proverbs 30:31

(Pro 30:31 ISV*) ¶ The strutting rooster, as well as the goat, and a king with his army.

(Pro 30:31 KJV+) A greyhound,^{H2223 H4975} an he goat^{H8495} also,^{H176} and a king,^{H4428} against^{H5973} whom *there is no*^{H408} rising up.^{H6965}

(Pro 30:31 NASB) The strutting rooster, the male goat also, And a king *when his* army is with him.

(Pro 30:31 NIV) a strutting rooster, a he-goat, and a king with his army around him.

Proverbs 30:32

(Pro 30:32 ISV*) ¶ If you've foolishly exalted yourself or if you've plotted evil, put your hand over your mouth.

(Pro 30:32 KJV+) If^{H518} thou hast done foolishly^{H5034} in lifting up thyself,^{H5375} or if^{H518} thou hast thought evil,^{H2161} lay thine hand^{H3027} upon thy mouth.^{H6310}

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

(Pro 30:32 NIV) "If you have played the fool and exalted yourself, or if you have planned evil, clap your hand over your mouth!

If you have acted stupidly in thinking or planning evil, keep it to yourself and confess it to God who forgives, not to man who will often condemn you.^{8/14/2013}

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Proverbs 30:33

(Pro 30:33 ISV*) ¶ Just as whipping milk produces butter, and twisting the nose causes bleeding, so also stirring up anger produces contention.

(Pro 30:33 KJV+) Surely^{H3588} the churning^{H4330} of milk^{H2461} bringeth forth^{H3318} butter,^{H2529} and the wringing^{H4330} of the nose^{H639} bringeth forth^{H3318} blood.^{H1818} so the forcing^{H4330} of wrath^{H639} bringeth forth^{H3318} strife.^{H7379}

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

(Pro 30:33 NIV) For as churning the milk produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife."

The forcing of wrath brings strife, as surely as the churning of milk brings butter and the wringing of the nose brings blood.^{8/14/2013}

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