

Understanding the Book of Proverbs through a Law/Gospel lens

Chapter 30

“Proverbs 30 is one of the more puzzling passages in Scripture. Not because we find its truths hard to accept, or its statements bottomless and profound, or its portrait of God unsettling or offensive. No, Proverbs 30 is just plain weird.”

_____ and _____ are the central themes of this chapter

Verses 1-4-Honesty and humility are the necessary ingredients of _____

(1) **Honesty**-Life is _____, we don't need to lie about this/pretend like all is always alright

-It is _____ wise to pretend or try to mask or ignore the harsh realities of life under the sun

(2) **Humility**-What _____ can truly discern and know all the ways of the Lord?

-Just as in the book of Job, we are here reminded that God's ways are above our ways. Therefore, let us not get too low (_____) nor too high (_____).

Two other points that wisdom calls us to consider:

1. **The limits of _____ revelation**-knowing about creation cannot reveal to you the name of God's Son. There must be a special revelation from God Himself to reveal this knowledge.
2. **The glory of _____ revelation**-Let us also notice the beauty of progressive revelation here! Information that was hidden by the obscurity of shadows has now been brought into the light. We know much of what was here left hidden.

Verses 5-6-Wisdom acknowledges God to be _____ and every man a liar-meaning as a source of confidence and/or trust (Romans 3:4)

-His word is _____ and true (5a)

-The necessity of _____ (5b)

- _____ is of the Lord (5b)

-Heed the _____ of adding to God's word (adding to the gospel directly or indirectly by adding to the law)-Deuteronomy 4:2 & Revelation 22:18

Verses 7-9-The two-fold desire of wisdom is the desire for _____ (dependence upon the Lord for our needs) and _____

Verses 10-14-Wisdom avoids _____

-looking down on those who are _____ you (10)

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-Thinking too highly of _____ (12-13)

-Thinking of _____ as only tools to be used for personal advancement (14)

Verses 15-16-The way of wisdom is not the way of _____

Verse 17-Wisdom is not the way _____

Verses 18-19-Wisdom keeps oneself under _____

Verse 20-Wisdom acknowledges _____ as wrong

Verses 21-23-Wisdom acknowledges that things that should not be will happen in this world under the sun. So, while it is right to acknowledge the imperfection of these things, we should not be _____ at their happening

Verses 24-28-Wisdom is not something that is reserved for the _____ in the world

Verses 29-31-Wisdom avoids all pride and over _____

Verses 32-33-Wisdom knows it is better to _____ one's tongue than to speak arrogantly. For arrogant and proud talk will only lead to your own hurt