

Scripture: Deut. 5:1-21 & Proverbs 30

Singing: 266:1-3 – 123:1 – 15:1-3 – 100:1-4 – 431:3-6

Question: *Why did Jesus create so many animals?*

Four Sermons in Four Small Animals

I. The Sermon of the Ant (Prov. 30:25 & Prov. 6:6-8)

A. Ants are not strong compared to us people

B. Yet they are *exceeding wise*: what is their wisdom?

1. Is it their ant-house (hill) they build together?

2. Is it their *working together*? (Prov. 6:7)

3. Is their wisdom is to be ready for the winter

C. In each ant God asks: *Are you preparing like the ant?*

Is. 55:6 *Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near*

Eccl. 12:1 *Remember now (!) thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil day come not, nor the years draw night, when thou shalt say, I have not pleasure in them.*

II. The Sermon of the Conies (Prov. 30:26; Ps 104:18)

A. Conies are feeble: why?

B. Yet they also are exceeding wise: what is their wisdom?

1. They are alert (together)

Prov. 22:3 *A prudent (careful, wise) man forseeth the evil and hideth himself: but the simple (foolish) pass on, and are punished.*

2. They flee at slight shriek of the watch-cony

Prov. 14:16 *A wise man feareth (is cautious), and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth (careless) and is confident (arrogant)*

3. They hide in the rocks

Is. 32:1 *And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.*

- B. Are you wise like the conies in fleeing to Jesus Christ?
1. We need Him as our cover against God's holy justice
 2. We need to flee to Him and place our trust in Him

Prov. 12:28 *In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway therefore there is no death*

Prov. 8:35 *For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD*

III. The Sermon of the Locust (vs. 27)

- A. A locust (grasshoppers) is small and no threat to any
- B. Yet they overcome their weakness with wisdom: *unity*
1. Nothing is more destructive than an army of locust (Joel 1:1-7; 2:1-11)
- C. How is their wisdom of banding together a sermon?
1. Without a king they *unite in their fight*
 2. We have the best King: *will we unite to fight under Him and for Him?*

IV. The Sermon of the Spider (vs. 28)

- A. A spider is one of God's engineering marvels
- B. Solomon chose the spider to picture exceeding wisdom: *what is their wisdom?*
1. Is it their unique abilities?
 2. Is it their patient endurance waiting for a meal?
 3. Is it their perseverance to get in the best places

Prov. 22:29 *Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean (unknown) men.*

- C. Are you as persevering and diligent to dwell in palace of the King?
1. We are as unfit in God's palace as the spider in Solomon's (John 3:3)
 2. Yet there is way we can and may enter and live in God's palace!

John 10:9 *I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, He shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture*