

Message #128**Proverbs 30:1-6**

The final two chapters of Proverbs contain the proverbs of Agur (Prov. 30) and Lemuel (Prov. 31).

THE WISE PERSON RECOGNIZES HOW INSIGNIFICANT HE IS AND HOW IMPORTANT GOD AND HIS WORD ARE.

Dr. Unger said in these verses Agur is interested in doing three things: 1) Abasing self; 2) Exalting God; 3) Exalting God's Word.

PROVERBIAL PART #1 – The introduction of Agur. 30:1

All we know of Agur shows up here—1) He was the son of Jakeh (know nothing about); 2) He received revelation of God; 3) He communicated the revelation he received to Ithiel and Ucal (know nothing about). The Hebrew word “man” is “geber,” which indicates Agur was a strong, great, prevailing man in God's eyes and Israel's. The thing that made him this way was that he received and communicated God's Word.

PROVERBIAL PART #2 – The ignorance of Agur. 30:2-3

The nouns are used for “man” in **verse 2**—“ish”=masculine gender; “adam”=common man. Agur did not view himself as some great giant, even though he was an amazing, brilliant student. Agur was a student of the universe (**30:4**); a student of the Bible (30:5-6); a student of society (30:7-14); a student of the environment (30:15-16); a student of the animal world (30:15, 19, 26, 30-31); a student of the insect world (30:25, 27-28). But when he analyzed himself in comparison to the Triune God, he saw himself as stupid, lacking in intelligence and skill in the things of God. Compared to God, Agur viewed himself as the epitome of ignorance.

PROVERBIAL PART #3 – The infinity of God. 30:4

Agur's questions set forth that which no man can answer; in fact, the only being capable of answering these questions is God.

PROVERBIAL PART #4 – The importance of God's Word. 30:5-6

Point #1 - Every word of God is pure. 30:5a

Every word in the Bible has been proved, examined, purged and put there by God.

Point #2 - Everyone who trusts in God and His Word is protected. 30:5b

Point #3 - Every word of God is unalterable. 30:6

If one adds or subtracts from God's Word, God will punish and show the person to be a deceptive liar.