

# **PROVERBS: LESSON 20**

## **THE ORACLE OF AGUR**

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- I. MAN'S SMALLNESS - GOD'S GREATNESS (30:1-4)**
- II. GOD'S WORD - MAN'S REFUGE (30:5-6)**
- III. A WISE PRAYER (30:7-10)**
  - A. Falsehood and lies
  - B. Riches and Poverty
- IV. A SELF-RIGHTEOUS BUT WICKED GENERATION (30:11-14)**
- V. THINGS NEVER SATISFIED (30:15-16)**
- VI. CONSEQUENCES OF DISRESPECT TO PARENTS (30:17)**
- VII. THREE - YEA FOUR: (30:18-31)**
  - A. Things of wonderment (v.18-20)
  - B. Things Unbearable (v.21-23)
  - C. Things little but Wise (v.24-28)
  - D. Things stately in their Way (v.29-31).
- VIII. CONSEQUENCES OF FOOLISH ARROGANCE (30:32-33)**

### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Agur was:
  - (a) An allegorical designation of Solomon meaning "Gatherer".
  - (b) One of the wise (cf.24:33) who spoke by inspiration of God.
2. Describe the humility of Agur.
3. What makes God's word a source of refuge?
4. What must we never do to God's word? Why?

5. What is a danger in being rich?
6. What danger is present in poverty?
7. In verse 10, who is the "he" that will curse the slanderer?
8. Give **FOUR** characteristics of "the generation" described by Agur?
9. What do the vampire and fire have in common?
10. What is happening in the "mind" of the child that should cause his "eye" to be plucked out by a raven?
11. What does the eagle in the air have in common with an adulterous woman?
12. What is so unbearable if an "odious" or "hated" woman marries?
13. How do ants compensate for their lack of strength?
14. What characteristic of wisdom do conies, locusts and lizards have in common?
15. What do lions and a honored king have in common?
16. What kind of foolish pride is considered in v.32-33?
17. What does "wringing noses" have to do with such pride?