Proverbs 30 • The Words of Heaven vs. Earth

*“Agur”* = “assembler” or “gatherer”

*“Jakeh”* = “pious; fearing God”

*“Ithiel”* = “God is with me”

*“Ucal”* = “I shall be completed/established”

1. (v.1-4) Agur’s wisdom is strongly tied to **faith** and his need to **trust God** for **ALL** the answers.
2. (v.5-6) It’s OK that our knowledge in this life is **incomplete** because God has supplied His **pure and unblemished** Word, which provides everything we need to know.
3. (v.7-9) If allowed, the **cares of this world** can undermine the effectiveness of God’s Word in our life.
4. (v.10-14) Man’s word is pure and effective only in **man’s own eyes**; in reality it is **unclean and destructive**.
5. (v.15-17) An appetite for God’s Word leads to **righteousness**, an appetite for man’s word leads to even more **hunger** and **destruction**.
* ***“Sheol”*** refers to the grave into which are cast those that curse their parents and die before their time.
* ***“the barren womb”*** refers to those not washed of the filthiness of their unfaithfulness to God and have no spiritual children.
* ***“Earth that is never satiated with water”*** refers to the proud and arrogant humbled by spiritual famine. (Think of the desert and how quickly the rain is absorbed and disappears.)
* ***“fire that never says, ‘Enough’”*** refers to judgment from heaven that consumes those devoted to the oppression of the poor and needy and/or those devoted to God’s ways.
1. (v.18-20) The one “way” we absolutely know everything about is man’s choice for **unfaithfulness**.
2. (v.21-23) There are no **shortcuts** to living according to God’s Word.
	* **Slaves** are not properly educated and prepared to take the office of king.
	* **Fools** mistake temporary fulfillment with justification for their missteps and error.
	* Just getting a **husband** in name only does not a healthy marriage make, and rarely reinforces the necessary commitment of faithfulness.
	* **Inheritance** is often no substitute for working and legitimately earning an exalted position or responsibility.
3. (v.24-31) God’s measurement of **success** is our obedience to what has been revealed through His Word.
4. (v.32-33) A heart in right submission to God controls **words** before they can escalate into **evil**.

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