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Studies in the Book of Proverbs by John T Polk II For The Fellowship Room

(#200) The Proverbs of Solomon 30:1-6- The Who

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and Proverbs 30-31 were added and preserved by the Holy Spirit. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 30:1-6:

1 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, his utterance. This man declared to Ithiel-to Ithiel and Ucal: 2 Surely I am more stupid than any man, And do not have the understanding of a man. 3 I neither learned wisdom Nor have knowledge of the Holy One. 4 Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know? 5 Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. 6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

Verse 1: Agur is unknown, but was a teacher to "Ithiel and Ucal." His utterances, however, have been preserved as Holy Spirit-revealed truth (2 Peter 1:20-21) and as a Prophet with God's Wisdom, like Amos (Amos 7:14-15)!

Verse 2-3: This statement is a confession that these thoughts (Proverbs 30:1-33) are the revelation from God, like Paul later stated (Galatians 1:11-12). Humility is a hallmark of all who submit to God:

The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground. (Psalm 147:6)

Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth. (Numbers 12:3)

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:5-7)

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Verse 4: The answer to all of these questions can only be: God, for He, alone, has power over the Created Earth (Psalm 104), and He, alone, can inspire the writing of His Word through men (1 Corinthians 2:7-13).

Verse 5-6: The Word that God has spoken and written proves to be "pure," without any taint of untruth. David had said this; so, also, did Jesus define His spiritual family, and Paul said it is the source of faith:

The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times. (Psalm 12:6)

My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it. (Luke 8:21)

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17)

Just because some choose not to believe in God's Word doesn't change a thing in God's Word:

For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: 'That You may be justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged.' (Romans 3:3-4)

Don't believe what others say the Bible says, but receive "the word with all readiness, and search "the Scriptures daily" to find out "whether these things" are so (Acts 17:11).