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(#203) The Proverbs of Solomon 30:18-20- CSI for Sins

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 30:18-20:

There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Yes, four which I do not understand: 19 The way of an eagle in the air, the way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship in the midst of the sea, and the way of a man with a virgin. 20 This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, and says, "I have done no wickedness."

"Wonder" is the temporary suspension of "understanding" when something stunning has happened. "Wonderful" simply means "full of wonder," a name certainly describing Jesus Christ ([Isaiah 9:6](#)).

Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done. ([Psalm 40:5](#))

The illustrations from God's Creation (eagle, serpent, ocean) are "mind boggling," as is the marvel of a first-time sexual encounter, which should take place only in marriage ([1 Corinthians 7:1-4](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:3-8](#)).

These four are amazing to see, because they leave no trail to follow back to their origin:

1. "An eagle in the air" leaves nothing that could warn its pray that it is coming;
2. "A serpent on a rock" maneuvers silently, incredibly over the smooth surface, not leaving a path to its victim as if on a softer surface;
3. "A ship in the midst of the sea" breaks the surface of the water but leaves no trace behind, and therefore if the ship is not detected through other means, cannot be followed;
4. "The way of a man with a virgin" refers to the sighting (like an eagle), maneuvering (like a serpent), and no apparent trail of sin (like a ship at sea) in persuading a "virgin" to give up her virginity.



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The other side of the coin, however, is “the way of an adulterous woman” who seems to think there is no way to detect her unfaithfulness, as if, after eating, wiping the residue from her mouth voids all after-effects! After adultery, when she says, “I have done no wickedness,” she claims there is no trace of her sin, but there is! There is her “prey” ([Proverbs 7:6-23](#)), and her own condemnation ([Galatians 5:19-21](#); [Hebrews 4:13](#)). An “adulterous woman” has lost her conscience about marriage, purity, fidelity.

The unfaithfulness of God’s people is described like this:

Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten me days without number. ([Jeremiah 2:32](#))

The evil of the “adulterer” is described also: “The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight, Saying, 'No eye will see me'; And he disguises his face” ([Job 24:15](#)), as if no one will know of his sin.

NO ONE can wipe clean their own souls from their path of sins, but Jesus Christ can! “In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses” ([Colossians 2:11-13](#)). Let Jesus Christ remove your “Crime Scene” by “Investigating” your heart! It’s “wonderful” to start a new trail in life!

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