

The Prayer Of Agur

Proverbs 30

Who Was Agur?

Verses 1-6

- > And I have not learned wisdom,
- > Neither have I the knowledge of the Holy One.
- > Every word of God is tried (pure KJV). (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3)
- > Add thou not unto his words, Lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. (cf. Deut. 4:2; Gal. 1:6ff)

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Part 1

- “Remove far from me falsehood and lies.”

Part 2

- “Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is needful for me.”

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“Remove far from me **falsehood (vanity) and lies.**”

- “Vanity” - A masculine noun meaning emptiness, vanity, evil, ruin, uselessness, deception, worthless, without result, fraud, deceit. (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- Many things are done for false show & pride. Psalms 39:5-6
 - Pharisees. Mt. 6:2-5
 - Lord hates haughtiness. Prov. 6:16, 8:13
 - Must be clothed in humility. 1 Pet. 5:5-7; Luke 14:11

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- “Remove far from me falsehood (vanity) and **lies.**”
- “**and lies.**” “a deception, a falsehood.” (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
 - cf. Ex. 20:16; Col. 3:9; Eph. 4:25; Rev. 21:8
 - God destroys liars (Ps. 5:6-7; 62:4-5) and calls them an abomination (Prov. 6:19).

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Part 2

Prov. 30:8-9

“Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is needful for me: Lest I be full, and deny (thee), and say, Who is Jehovah? Or lest I be poor, and steal, And use profanely the name of my God.”

1. “Give me neither poverty
2. Nor riches;
3. Feed me with the food that is needful for me.”

Poverty

Prov. 30:8-9 Three parts to this petition:

1. "Give me neither poverty..."

- Reason given, "...Or lest I be poor, and steal, And use profanely the name of my God."

Poverty

- Poverty is a strong temptation to dishonesty,
- "I stole because I was poor" cf. Prov. 6:30
- But observe why Agur dreads this:
 - Lest he should dishonor God by it: "Lest I should steal, and take the name of my God in vain."
- Eph. 4:28

Riches

2. "Give me not riches"

- Reason given, "...Lest I be full, and deny (thee), and say, Who is Jehovah?"

Riches

Wealth tempts to pride, unbelief, and scorn

- Pharaoh (Ex 5:2) "Who is Jehovah that I should obey his voice?"
- Children of Israel forgot their dependence upon God. Deut. 6:10; 8:11ff
- Solomon. Eccl. 2:3ff; 1 Kings 8:62; 10:1ff, 21ff; Eccl. 5:10; 1 Kings 11
- Uzziah. 2 Chron. 26:1ff, 16, 19-21

Riches

- Rich young ruler. Luke 18:18-24
- Two brothers. Luke 12:16-21
- True Treasure. Mt. 6:19-21; 1 Tim. 6:17
 - Macedonians. 2 Cor. 8:1-5
 - Paul. 2 Cor. 12:15; Phil 4:12

Food That Is Needful

Part 3

"Feed me with the food that is needful for me"

Physically

- Those things sufficient. Mt. 6:11; James 4:3
- Contentment. 1 Tim. 6:7-8; Phil. 4:11
- Worry. Mt. 6:34; James 4:13-14

Food That Is Needful

“Feed me with the food that is needful for me”

■ Spiritually.

- Jesus called some hypocrites. **Mt. 15:7-9**
- Stephen accused some of murder. **Acts 7:51-53**
- Peter rebuked sin. **Acts 2:38; 8:20-24**
- Paul rebuked sin. **Heb. 5:11-14**

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Prov. 30:7-9

7 Two things have I asked of thee; Deny me (them) not before I die:

8 Remove far from me falsehood and lies; Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is needful for me:

9 Lest I be full, and deny (thee), and say, Who is Jehovah? Or lest I be poor, and steal, And use profanely the name of my God.

What Would You Pray???

- “Lord, give me not poverty, but if it be that only in poverty I can learn to trust in thee, then may poverty come.” **Joshua – Judges**
cf. **Luke 15; cf. Amos 4:6**

What Would You Pray???

- “Give me not more riches than I can control and use wisely, lest I learn to trust in them and deny thee.... (cf. **Solomon**)

What Would You Pray???

- “Give me day by day the necessities of life, that I may keep looking unto thee.” **2 Cor. 4:18ff**