

"Some Little Things That Teach Us Big Lessons"

⇒ **Text:** Proverbs: 30:24-28

⇒ **Intro:**

- We can understand a lot about God just by observing His creation.
- The Bible says in **Romans 1:20**, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"
 - Through the visible and tangible things of this life, we can learn spiritual lessons that we can put to use in our Christian walk.
- At different times and in different ways Jesus referred to various things in nature in His teachings.
- For instance, in **Matthew 6**, Jesus told His disciples to look at the birds.
 - He called them the fowls of the air.

- They don't plant a garden, they don't gather in a crop and store it in a barn, yet God feeds them.

- Jesus also said for them to consider the lilies of the field
 - They don't work, and they don't worry, yet God sees to it that they are clothed with glory.
 - He was illustrating truth to them.
- Through the small things of this life we can glean and grasp some of our most valuable lessons.
 - Nature is full of wonders that are loaded with instruction.
 - We ought to be observant and draw instruction from all of the visible world.
- In our text, there are four creatures mentioned from which we should all learn.

⇒ **I. THE ANTS. (Vs. 25)**

- **Read Proverbs 30:25**
- **Read Proverbs 6:6-8**

- What can we learn from ants?
 - We learn that preparation should be made.
 - The ant knows by instinct that preparation must be made for the winter.
 - The ant knows that cold weather will come and that food will become scarce, therefore he wisely makes preparation in advance.
- God wants us to consider that preparation should be made for some things.
- ⇒ **A. We Should Prepare For Death.**
 - **1. The Bible Warns Us About Death.**
 - **Hebrews 9:27**, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, ..."
 - **Psalms 89:48**, "What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah."
 - Throughout Scripture death has reigned over fallen man.

- All the way from **Genesis 2:17** when God warned Adam that eating the forbidden fruit would bring forth death,
- To the book of the **Revelation 21:4**, where we see that time will come to an end and death will be no more.
- The Bible says we're gonna die one day.
 - We are going to be separated from this life that we know here.
- **2. The Death Of Others Warns Us About Death.**
 - Many of us have mourned the loss of loved ones to death.
 - As I stand by the grave side with families, their loved ones about to be lowered into the ground, I am reminded myself and remind those who are there, we will all pass that way some day.
- Life as we know it here will cease one day!
 - It has already ceased for others and we can be assured that it will cease for us.

- That behooves us to make preparation for that day.
 - o I'm not talking about picking out a casket or a grave lot or the clothes you are going to be buried in.
 - I'm talking about making preparation to meet God.
 - The Bible says in **Amos 4:12**, "**Prepare to meet thy God**"
- ⇒ **B. We Should Prepare For Judgment.**
- o The Bible Not Only Warns Us Of Death, But Of Judgment To Come.
 - **Hebrews 9:27**, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, **but after this the judgment.**"
 - **Romans 14:11-12**, says - "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

- o **1. Lost Sinners Should Prepare For Judgment.**
 - How can they do that?
 - By getting saved.
 - **2 Corinthians 6:2**, "...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)"
 - o When you die it is too late to prepare for judgment!¹¹⁻¹⁵
Rev: 20:11-15
 - You must prepare while you still have life.
 - *If don't get saved now judgment will face*
- o **2. Saved Sinners Should Prepare For Judgment.**
 - We are all sinners here today.
 - o Some of you here today may be lost sinners who stand condemned in your sin.
 - Others of us are saved sinners who stand justified, not in our righteousness, but in the righteousness of Christ.
 - o For saved sinners, we face the Judgment Seat of Christ. *1 Cor. 3:11-15*

- Since life is swiftly passing us by, we should seek to make the best possible use of time because we will give an account one day.
- o The word of God instructs us in - **Eph. 5:16**, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."
- o The ant is a worker and the child of God should be too.
 - **Ephesians 2:10**, tells us, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

⇒ **II. THE CONIES. (Vs. 26)**

- o **Read Proverbs 30:26.**
- o **See Psalm 104:18.**
- o First of all, what is a coney?
 - The coney is a rock rabbit that is common to the Middle Eastern area.
- o According to **Leviticus 11:5** and **Deuteronomy 14:7**, it is listed among the unclean animals.

- o What can we learn from the coney?
 - The rock is the place of refuge and a safe haven from the enemy.
 - Even though they are feeble, even though they are unclean, God has provided refuge for them and a dwelling place in the rock.
- o Do you see what I'm getting at?
 - Think about it!
 - They know to go the rock for protection.
 - Outside of the rock their weakness is exploited and they are vulnerable to the predators.
 - But within the rock they find protection and a safe home.
- o Jesus is the True Rock to which the feeble, unclean sinner can flee for refuge and find a safe haven.
 - David said in **See 2 Samuel 22:2-4.**
 - **Psalm 62:7**, "In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God."

- Oh that sinners would learn to flee to the Rock for refuge and for a dwelling place!
- o **Psalm 71:3**, "Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress."
- Oh that Christians would learn to continually resort to the Rock as their refuge!

⇒ **III. THE LOCUSTS. (Vs. 27)**

- o **Read Proverbs 30:27**
- o The American Dictionary of the English Language by Noah Webster says -
 - That these insects are at times so numerous in the Bible Lands as to devour every green thing,
 - And when they migrate, they fly in an immense cloud.
- o What can we learn from a locust?
 - Working together gets a lot accomplished!
 - There is strength in numbers.

- The locusts have no king, but yet work in harmony with one another as one body doing together what could never be accomplished alone.
- o Do you see where I'm going here?
 - They stick to together and work as a team.
 - They are not each working for just for their own self interest.
- o **1 Corinthians 12:12**, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ."
 - The strength of the church is seen in her orderly working together for the cause of Christ, not her disorder.
 - Each member in the Church has been gifted by God to do a job to edify the body of Christ and each of us should be at our "post" doing what we are suppose to do.

o You may say, "Well, I don't know what I should be doing."

- Well, that's not God's fault.
- **Ephesians 5:17**, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

⇒ **IV. THE SPIDER. (Vs. 28)**

o **Read Proverbs 30:28.**

- I'm not very fond of spiders. I squish them anytime I get a chance.
 - I know that some folks think that there are good spiders.
 - I agree, a good spider is a dead spider.
- o But God can teach us some things even through the spider.
- What can we learn from the spider?
 - The spider is industrious, patient, and persistent and because of that can be found in places that you would not believe possible.

o The spider is a creature that does not easily give up.

- The spider can crawl on a floor, wall or ceiling, whatever it takes to get the job done.
- They can get through tight places that others would not or could not.

o The spider weaves its web with a substance that comes from its body.

- It takes a great deal of patience to do what the spider does.
- It takes the tiny spider hours to make itself a finely woven web.

o Do you see where I'm going with this?

- God's people should not give up in their work for God just because of a little difficulty.
- Just as the spider's life is wrapped up in spinning the web, our lives are to be wrapped up in doing what is good and pleasing to God!

- o We need to do whatever it takes to get the job done for God.
 - We need to squeeze through those tight places that get in our way of accomplishing great things for Him.
- o As the Word of God says in **James 5:7**, We need to be patient "**unto the coming of the Lord**"

⇒ **Conclusion:**

- o Oh what a mighty God we serve!
 - Everything He does is with a purpose.
 - He teaches us through the things He has made.
- o **Are you like the ant?** -
 - Are you prepared for the future?
- o **Are you like the cony?** -
 - Is your refuge in the Rock?
- o **Are you like the locusts?** -
 - Are you working together with the rest to accomplish things you could never accomplish on your own?

- o **Are you like the spider?**
 - Industrious, persistent, patient and getting things done in places you would never imagine.
- o These are some little things that teach us some big lessons
 - Are you learning the lesson?