

# sermon notes

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Dec 1, 2024 | “Observations on Man and his World” | **Proverbs 30:1–33**

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- 1) The Limitations of \_\_\_\_\_  
(30:1–4)
- 2) The Authority of \_\_\_\_\_  
(30:5–6)
- 3) The Danger of \_\_\_\_\_  
(30:7–9)
- 4) The Shame of \_\_\_\_\_  
(30:10–17)
- 5) The Beauty of \_\_\_\_\_  
(30:18–19)
- 6) The Disgrace of \_\_\_\_\_  
(30:20–23)
- 7) The Goodness of \_\_\_\_\_  
(30:24–28)
- 8) The Foolishness of \_\_\_\_\_  
(30:29–33)

## Questions for further application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read Proverbs 30:1–33. How is this chapter similar and dissimilar to the Solomonic sections of Proverbs (1:1–29:27)?

How does Agur describe himself in Proverbs 30:1–6? What is his view of mankind? What is his view of God, and why is that important?

There are several things that Agur denounces in this chapter including pride, sexual sin, insolence, and strife. If we are saved by grace and not works, why should we even strive to eliminate these vices in our lives? Is there value in following these principles as a Christian? What about as a non-Christian?

### GET PERSONAL

Do you think Agur has a proper view of himself and mankind? Or is he too hard on humans? How do we balance humility with confidence as Christians? Read Proverbs 30:32–33. How does pride lead to foolishness? How does it lead to conflict? In what ways does our world encourage pride instead of humility? Give some examples of how humility is demonstrated in your life, as a follower of Christ.

Read Proverbs 30:4 and John 3:13. Was Jesus answering Agur’s question in his conversation with Nicodemus? In what way can we identify Jesus as God’s son and the perfect specimen of mankind? How should this impact the life of a Christian? What about a non-Christian?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Proverbs 30:7–9 is the only prayer recorded in the book of Proverbs. What are the two things that Agur asks for in 30:7–9? Why would he ask for these things? Should we pray for these things too (i.e. is this prescriptive or descriptive Scripture)? Why or why not?

### ADVANCED QUESTION

What do we know about the author of Proverbs 30, King Agur? How can we trust that what he wrote in Proverbs is indeed God’s Word? Are there other books of the Bible written by people we don’t know much about? Are there other books in the Bible written anonymously? How can we confidently trust that those books are God-breathed Scripture (see 2 Tim 3:16–17)?