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The Proverbs Series

### **The Gift of Humility**

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**Proverbs 30:1-9** <sup>1</sup>These are the words of Agur son of Jakeh—the burden that this man declared to Ithiel: “I am weary, O God, and worn out. <sup>2</sup>Surely I am the most ignorant of men, and I lack the understanding of a man. <sup>3</sup>I have not learned wisdom, and I have no knowledge of the Holy One. <sup>4</sup>Who has ascended to heaven and come down? Who has gathered the wind in His hands? Who has bound up the waters in His cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is the name of His Son—surely you know! <sup>5</sup>Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. <sup>6</sup>Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you and prove you a liar. <sup>7</sup>Two things I ask of You— do not refuse me before I die: <sup>8</sup>Keep falsehood and deceitful words far from me. Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the bread that is my portion. <sup>9</sup>Otherwise, I may have too much and deny You, saying, ‘Who is the LORD?’ Or I may become poor and steal, profaning the name of my God. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. It was **written** by someone claiming to be Agur son of Jakeh. V.1a
- B. The writer was **exhausted**. V. 1b
- C. The writer was a **humble** man. V. 2-3
- D. The writer has a proper perspective of the **uncreated** one. V. 4
- E. The writer had a deep respect for the **word** of God. V. 5-6
- F. The writer wanted **protection** from God for the words that came out his lips. V. 8b
- G. The writer wanted only his **basic needs** to be met. V. 8b
- H. The writer was concerned only with his **character** before God. V. 9

II. What can we learn from this passage?

- A. We will discover that if we **refuse glory** we can accomplish more than if we are concerned with getting credit for what we do.
- B. We can accomplish more if we are not doing it on our own strength but rather on the **power of God**.
- C. A God centered worldview has **unlimited** potential. A man centered worldview is destructive and limited.
- D. Living by God’s word keeps us **grounded** and on task.
- E. We need to limit our words to only wholesome and edifying speech. Trust God to speak **through** you.
- F. We must live for an audience of **One**.