

Message #129

Proverbs 30:7-9

A WISE PERSON DESIRES TO HAVE A LIFE THAT HONORS GOD AND DEPENDS ON GOD.

A wise person desires a life that is forever dependent on God for protection from evil and for provisions in life. One key feature of Agur's wisdom is that he was very systematic and organized in his grasp of God's Word and his numerical sayings continue to dominate Proverbs 30 (30:7; 15b, 18, 21, 24, 29).

WISDOM MATTER #1 – Agur makes his wisdom requests to God. **30:7-8**

Request #1 - The request for an honest life. **30:8a**

Request #2 - The request for a supplied life. **30:8b**

(Boundary Limit #1) - The request for God to prevent poverty.

The word “poverty” is one that describes a person who is very needy, very poor.

(Boundary Limit #2) - The request for God to prevent prosperity.

The word “riches” is one that speaks of mega/great wealth, which takes one to the point where they are happy with their prosperity.

WISDOM MATTER #2 – Agur gives reasons for these requests. **30:9**

Reason #1 - The reason for Agur's prayer for protection from prosperity. **30:9a**

Agur was afraid of himself. He knew that if he was at a mega-level of wealth, he could forget about God and focus on his own achievements and neglect the provisions of God.

Reason #2 - The reason for Agur's prayer for protection from poverty. **30:9b**

The Hebrew word “lest” (used twice in this verse) is a word that stresses action to be feared. Agur was afraid of being too prosperous, but he was also afraid of being too poor because that could prompt him to use deceptive means to get what he needed.

Agur was a wise man who wanted a life of harmony with God. He did not want any sin hindering fellowship with God. He asked God to keep him somewhere in between two extremes of lifestyle—extreme prosperity and extreme poverty.