

Today's Scripture Text: **Proverbs 30:1-16**

Without Wisdom, We Can't Know What To Trust, or What Matters Most

I. Wisdom Helps us To Know What to Trust (Prov 30:1-6)

- a) We are Finite
- b) We are Sinful

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and ***people loved the darkness rather than the light*** because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been **carried out in God**. **John 3:19-21**

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! **Isaiah 5:20**

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness **suppress the truth**. **Romans 1:18**

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became **futile in their thinking**, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. **Romans 1:21-22,24-25**

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to **a debased mind** to do what ought not to be done.

Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. **Romans 1:28,32**

"In the end the author concludes that created humanity can know the way only if God gives it by his elective will and that he has so chosen Israel."
Gerald Sheppard, *Wisdom as a Hermeneutical Construct*, p. 91

(1) *Ultimate Reality is Revealed through Scripture (God's Words)*

"Agur makes no attempt to validate by human reason Scriptures absolute claim for its reliability and canonical authority and perfection. If such an attempt were made, it would make limited human reasoning the final arbiter of truth, turning the argument back on itself and of necessity once again ending in scepticism. The finite mind can neither derive nor certify infinite truth. Certain truth is found in the Scriptures themselves as the Holy Spirit certifies them to obedient children" **Bruce Waltke**, *Proverbs Volume 2*, p.467

(2) *Ultimate Reality is Revealed through Christ (God's WORD)*

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. **John 3:13**

No one has ever seen God. The only one, himself God, who is in closest fellowship with the Father, has made God known. **John 1:18 NET**