

Big Lessons from Little Critters

Psalm 19 and Romans 1 remind us that God speaks, day and night, to every person, in every nation, language and culture, that "HE IS!" Solomon calls us to consider the wisdom of God in creation... not just the great wisdom God possesses to create, but the wisdom He has built into the creatures themselves. Proverbs 30:24-28 is one of my favorites. Let's glean some big lessons from little creatures!

Proverbs 30:24-28 There are *four things* which are *little on the earth*, But they are *exceedingly wise*:



The *ants* are a people *not strong, Yet they prepare* their food in the summer;

The wisdom of preparation Ants aren't strong comparatively (though in proportion to their size & weight, they are among the strongest of creatures) to humans, yet they are tireless in their efforts to prepare to survive. They are unselfish in their labors to see to it that the colony survives. Move a rock, and the ants all react immediately, carrying the closest egg deep into the ground. They are always taking leaves and dead insects back to the burrow. They manifest the wisdom of continual preparation in season. They may not be impressive in size or strength, but *I've never seen a lazy or selfish ant*. Determination and loyalty will out-perform strength and giftedness every time. Wisdom says: "never stop preparing for tomorrow!"



The *hyraxes* are a *feeble folk*, Yet they make their *homes in the crag*;

The wisdom of protection Hyraxes are weak little mouse-like rodents; no match for foxes, hawks, or other predators. *I never heard of a boasting hyrax!* They may not be impressive or aggressive, but they sure know where to hide. They survive because they know their weaknesses and have an impenetrable fortress of rock. Recognizing our limitations, personal weaknesses and inability to survive unprotected, we run to THE ROCK and find refuge and rest. Wisdom says: "never stray far from your Refuge!"



The *locusts* have *no king*, Yet they *all advance in ranks*;

The wisdom of progress Locusts don't have a king... they don't need one! Kings are needed to keep competitive rebels from creating chaos. *I've never seen a locust wearing a crown, campaigning for higher office, competing for a lead role, or comparing itself with other locusts!* They all just keep moving forward, each one knows his place and doesn't need to be managed or trained. Wisdom says: "never compare or compete, just keep making progress."



The *spider skillfully grasps* with its hands, And it is *in kings' palaces*.

The wisdom of perseverance Spiders can't do much, but they sure can hang on! Like the rest of God's creatures, they do what they were designed to do. They survive, not because they are experts in 10,000 tasks, but because they do a few things really well. *I've never seen a spider quit!* Perseverance will land you a place in the palace. You were created with a few simple gifts. You have all you need to please the King. Just stay focused, fervent and faithful. The King is watching!

For further study:

Preparation: Gal 6:7-10; Luke 12:47

Protection: 2 Cor 3:5-6; Psalm 61

Progress: Phil 3:12-16; 2 Cor 10:12

Perseverance: Heb 12:1-32; 2 Cor 12:7-10; 2 Tim 1:6

What other lessons can you find in the creation that surrounds you. Why not take a wisdom walk today?

Lord, remind me of the wisdom of preparation, protection, progress and perseverance displayed by Your little creatures. If I bear Your image, should such wisdom not be more clearly displayed in me? Forgive me for being distracted, self confident, comparing and complaining. Free me from envy, and let my life glorify You as I accept Your design in my life and fulfill Your purpose with a willing and eager spirit. In the Name of Christ my Wisdom, Amen.+

Remember, you are very special to us and we pray for you continually. A Blessed 2009 be yours...

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Seeing The Invisible, embracing The Unapproachable, declaring The Unexplainable, changed by The Immutable, running after The Irresistible with inexhaustible joy in our inexpressible sorrows, spending our time on eternity, owning nothing yet possessing everything that matters and lasts. We are Pilgrims in Paradox. Welcome to THE JOURNEY.