

Four Little Things

Proverbs 30:24-28

- I. The Ant – *A Lesson in Preparation*
 - A. They take advantage of limited opportunities.
 - B. They are not lazy (Prov. 6:6-8).
 - C. Opportunities are fleeting (Prov. 27:1; Eph. 5:16; Jam. 4:13-15).
 - D. Opportunities for salvation (2 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:7-8; Isa. 55:6)
 - E. Opportunities to work (Ecc. 9:10; Jn. 9:4; Gal. 6:10)

- II. The Coney – *A Lesson in Protection*
 - A. They know their weakness and seek protection.
 1. The coney in this passage is a rock-dwelling rabbit.
 2. Its only defense is its speed and ability to jump.
 3. Thus, it enhances its chances of survival by hiding in the rocks.
 - B. We must flee to God for refuge (Heb. 6:18-19; Psa. 46:1; Isa. 32:1-2).
 - C. We cannot be saved without Him (Jer. 10:23; 2 Cor. 5:18ff; 1 Thes. 1:10).
 - D. We are as helpless as sheep – we need our Shepherd (Psalm 95).

- III. The Locust – *A Lesson in Partnership*
 - A. They realize there is strength in unity and numbers.
 - B. We should do our part; but, we must work together in unity and love (Psa. 133:1; Eph. 4:1-7).
 - C. Truth is the foundation of unity (1 Cor. 1:10).
 - D. One body – one heart – one soul (1 Cor. 12:12ff; Acts 4:32).

- IV. The Spider – *A Lesson in Persistence*
 - A. The spider (or, lizard) is found in the king's house.
 1. It seems that this word refers to the gecko or lizard.
 2. However, it applies as well to the spider.
 3. Both of these animals can be found in the greatest houses.
 - B. With faithfulness, we dwell in the King's house.
 1. The church (Matt. 7:21; 18:3; Mark 9:47; Jn. 3:5; Ac. 14:22)
 2. Heaven (2 Pet. 1:10-11; Rev. 2:10)

Conclusion: *Will we learn the lessons of God's creation?*