

Introduction:

A. There is a song titled "Little Bitty".

"Its all right to be little bitty, a little home town or a big ol' city, we might as well share we might as well smile cause life goes on for a little bitty while"

B. God made all the creatures great and small; meaning that all creatures have great value.

Text:

Proverbs 30:24-28

Thesis:

There is great wisdom in paying attention to the "little bitty" things.

Discussion:

I. The Ant

A. Proverbs 30:25

B. Preparedness is the key opening the door to success.

1. Good things only come to those who have prepared for them.
2. Abraham Lincoln believed in the great power or preparedness.
 - a) Lincoln was born in poverty, yet he made a wise decision.
 - b) "I will prepare for my opportunity so I will be ready when it comes."
 - c) Lincoln suffered many defeats but history records his success as one of our greatest presidents.

C. Preparedness is the key opening the door to Heaven.

1. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people (John 14:1-6).
2. Amos the prophet called on the people to be prepared to meet God (Amos 4:12).
3. We too should prepare because ready or not, the Lord is coming (Romans 14:11-12).
 - a) Are you prepared for that meeting?
 - b) We start by turning to God for instruction.
 - (1) 2 Timothy 3:16
 - (2) 2 Peter 1:3
 - c) Next we follow the instructions making Jesus our Saviour and Lord.
 - (1) John 3:16
 - (2) Romans 10:9-10
 - (3) Acts 2:38
 - (4) Peter shows us spiritual development as if it were a stair way to heaven (1 Peter 1:5-11).

D. The ant teaches us a great lesson in preparing in this life for the next.

II. The Coney

A. Proverbs 30:26

1. The Coney is much like the rabbit.
2. The Coney does not have the strength of an elephant or the fierceness of the lion, nor the speed of a cheetah or the stinch of the skunk.
3. Unable physically to defend himself, he builds protection around himself in rocky terrain.

B. Like the Coney, man finds himself defenseless in the face of the devil.

1. John 8:44
2. 1 Peter 5:8

3. Satan levels assault from every direction.
- C. We can flee to refuge in Christ.
 1. Isaiah 32:1-2
 2. Psalms 143:9
 3. Hebrews 13:8
- D. There is a wise lesson in the Coney, knowing a place of refuge and safety.

III. The Locust or grasshopper

- A. Proverbs 30:27
 1. One grasshopper is certainly no threat, however, a host of millions can leave behind waste and destruction.
 2. One grasshopper does not change the face of a land but the host will leave behind undeniable evidence of its presence.
- B. The lesson we gain from the Locust or grasshopper is cooperation.
 1. Life cannot be lived fully unless we learn to work with others.
 2. Psalms 133:1
 3. We must learn to get along with others or perish (Matthew 12:25).
 4. The essence of Christianity is togetherness.

IV. The Spider.

- A. Proverbs 30:28
 1. The spider lives everywhere from the beggars pillow to the kings throne.
 2. Destroy her web and she will build another.
 3. Thomas Edison was a man who saw each failure as a step toward success.
 4. Each time the web is pulled down the spider looks for a new place to build until success is achieved.
- B. The spider teaches us a lesson in persistence.
 1. The first century church understood the value of persistence (Acts 20:22-24).
 2. God Commands His people to be persistent (Revelation 2:10).

Conclusion:

- A. The wisdom of Proverbs finds lessons in the little bitty things of life that provide monumental principles.
- B. We are wise as the Ant in preparing for eternity, protecting ourselves as the Coney in the refuge of God, uniting as the Locust that the evidence of God is glorified and never giving up as the persistent spider and receiving the promised reward.