

Lessons from four little creatures

Proverbs 30:24-28, "There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: the ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; The conies are but a feeble folk, yet, make they their houses in the rocks; the locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; the spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings palaces."

The wisdom of the creatures listed in the above passage make up for their insignificance. The instinct that God has given them lifts them into greater respectability. To learn lessons from these seemingly insignificant creatures may influence us throughout our whole lives. Let us study each one

First, mentioned is the ant. The ant teaches us diligent preparation. The provider of Proverbs stated earlier: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which have no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest." There is no more industrious insect than the ant. None are born tired, there are no slackers or shirkers and they never go on strike the all have one motto and that is "work." The Christian worker is to be working. Jeremiah said, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" Jeremiah 8:20. There is work to be done by every Christians no matter age or handicap. There is plenty of work to go around also. If one will look they can find this work to do. The sick need visiting, the fatherless need care, the down trodden need uplifting, the widows need someone to do things for them. We are told, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" Galatians 6:10. The ant does not store food where he maybe robbed, and either should we, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where you treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

The conies also teach us some lessons they are feeble yet make their houses in the rocks. These animals are found in the northern parts of the Bible lands in the mountains of Lebanon. They are found in the valleys of the Jordan and in the area of the Dead Sea. These animals, some call them field-mice, or Arabian mice (Matthew Henry) are helpless and defenseless and would become extinct if it were not for the fact of where they make

Those serving...Next Sunday

Song Leading
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper

Closing Prayer
Announcements/Invitation

Tom Wolaver
Jonathan Evans
Perry Sims
Frank Long(P)
Tom Parker, John Hughes, Clyde Hill,
Jesse Callihan, DJ Allen, Grant Parker
Albert Tolle
Larry Eldridge

their home. Their home is their refuge. Making application of these animals to us then is necessary. We are helpless in our salvation. We need God who is our rock and our refuge "The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble" (Psalm 9:9) "But the Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge" (Psalm 94:22). Let us then draw near to God who is our refuge during the time of trouble. (Read Psalm 18 along this line of thought also)

Next in the list is the locusts. They teach us unity and co-operations. God used them as a plague in Egypt. They eat "every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt" (Exodus 10:14). They have no king guiding them and they work as one unit. We can learn a profitable lesson from them by working together. Amos said it this way, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). Paul said to the church at Ephesus, "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Ephesians 4:16) All the body which is the church (1:22-23) working together can accomplish a great many works that the Lord has for His church to do. Yet as an individual we might be discouraged and overcome by the work but with others helping us we can accomplish what the Lord has for the church to do. One is to go into all the world another encouraging the workers the Lord work will get done.

Yet there is the spider. The spider is fearless and perseveres in all that it labors at. He is not afraid even to go to where kings are to do his works. Notice that the passage at the beginning stated that they are in the kings palaces, spiders are everywhere, not afraid to do the work given to them. The one talented man of Matthew 25 said that he was afraid (verse 25). We too, can be afraid of doing the Lord's work, but need to be like the spider. We need to go everywhere, doing what the Lord requires of us. Remember that the early church "went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). Remember too that the early church was doing good to everyone "especially the house of faith" (Galatians 6:10). We need to keep working and keep working. Paul said it this way, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Let us be "steadfast and unmovable in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Love, Keith

Frank and Mary Thomason placed membership
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BULLETIN INFORMATION

If there is something that needs to be put in the bulletin please email Crissy at trudyblue1@yahoo.com. Please get this info to her before Thursday evening. You can also text her with info at 706-206-8514

Those serving... May 17th-A.M. Services		For The Record...	
Song Leading	Tom Wolaver	May 10th	
Scripture Reading	Tom Parker	Bible Study	82
Opening Prayer	John Thomason	AM Worship	105
Lord's Supper	Chuck Mitchell(P)	PM Worship	41
	Jerry Martinez, Jerry Shepherd, Duke Allen, Zane Whatley, Timmy Thomas, Trey Callihan	May 13th	
Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon	Bible Study	53
Closing Prayer	Causie Crane	Offering May 10th	
Media Attendant	Dwayne McCannon	\$2504.80	
Announcements/Invitation	Tommy Wolaver		

May 17th-P.M. Services		May 20th-Wednesday Services	
Song Leading	Tom Wolaver	Announcements	Larry Eldridge
Scripture Reading	Jonathan Evans	Lead Singing	Tom Wolaver
Opening Prayer	Don Evans	Devotional	Frank Thomason
Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon	Closing Prayer	Frank Long
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VBS SIGN UP SHEET

Check the foyer for a sign up sheet for VBS. There are MANY areas that you can help. It takes ALL of us working together to make this possible.

BREAKFAST REMINDER

The men have breakfast every Wednesday at the Pot Luck Cafe in Monroe. They meet at 9AM.

SUMMER SERIES-OBEY

The summer series has been planned for this year! This is always exciting and we always have great speakers with great lessons. The theme this year will be OBEY. Check out a schedule in the foyer!



Wedding Shower

JUNE 14TH
After evening worship we will celebrate the marriage of Josh Sweeny and Jessica Reed with a His/Her shower. Please bring a gift and a mexican themed dish!

VBS meeting following morning worship! Brief meeting.

Please keep any electronic devices on silent during worship.

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Assembly Times:

Sunday

Bible Study-9:30 am

Worship-10:30 am

PM Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study

Morning-10:30 am

Evening-7:00 pm

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MINISTER

KEITH DIXON

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear Romans 10:17

Believe John 8:24

Repent Acts 17:30

Confess Romans 10:9-10

Baptized Acts 22:16

Live Faithfully Matthew 7:21

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"...worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

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Visitors Welcome!

You are truly our honored guests! We hope that you find our Bible Study and Worship Service beneficial to you. We seek only to worship God in the same manner as done by Christians when the church began in Acts 2. Please stay after services so that we may get to know you. For your convenience, there is a nursery in the foyer for babies up to 18 months old and a toddlers room next to the auditorium.

COME BACK TONIGHT! SERVICES START AT 6PM.

UP
Coming
EVENTS

TEAM 3 NEXT DOOR

Lunch will be served next door. If you are a guest please plan to join us for a meal.

VBS-JUNE 8-12

Invite your family and friends.

MEN'S BREAKFAST-EVERY WED-9AM~POT-LUCK-CAFE

WOMENS DEVO-TUESDAY

Womens monthly devo is THIS Tuesday!

NURSING HOME SINGING EVERY 3RD SUNDAY AT 2PM. PLEASE PLAN TO STAY!!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jerry Cooper is recovering at home after his recent illness.

Jason Cadena, nephew of MaryNell, is waiting on test results.

Art and Edwina Hein need prayers for their health.

Clyde Hill's dad, Fermon, is recovering from being in the hospital.

John Hughes aunt, Bertha, is terminal with adrenal cancer.

Anita Pettus has been at home due to a back injury. Please send her a card if you can.

Jewel Taylor is in need of prayers, calls, and cards.

Sharon Bowden has some young family members that need our prayers.

Sharon Eldridge's sister, the Lutrells is experiencing health issues.

Corey Brooks was baptized Sunday! Pray for her christian walk.

Jerry Martinez asked for prayers.

Pray for our entire congregation.

IF THERE ARE OTHERS THAT NEED TO BE ON HERE EMAIL:

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Keep the men and women of our military in your prayers

Corey Henry, Barron Crane, Matt Callihan, Jacob Shepherd, Nicholas

Stacks, Shilo Crane, Tim Dixon, Josh Blackburn, Matt Shepherd, Ronald Bly

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS-MAY

The pantry is used for members or anyone in

need. Please help us be able to keep these

items on hand. Let your kids bring them to

class. They'll be excited to help!

• Beanie Weenies

• Canned Fruit

• Mayo

• Toilet Paper

• Tooth Brush

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

May 31st we will have a fellowship meal following morning worship.

Please invite your friends and bring your favorite dish!

Corey Brooks was baptized last Sunday!!

We are so proud of you Corey and this great decision you made!