

FOUR LITTLE WISE ONES

Text: Proverbs 30:24-28

INTRO: Solomon had studied nature as no one else in his time--and from the creatures & forces of nature, he had learned much to pass on to the men & women of his times & ours. In this session, we will take note of a few lessons Solomon would teach us by the example of Four Little Wise Ones.

I. THE ANTS, vs. 25.

A. The ants knew their limitations. They were not strong enough to ignore the coming winter...

B. But they were wise enough to prepare for it.

READ PROVERBS 6:6-8

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they may be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. (1 Tim. 6:17-19).

Jer. 8:20 Harvest past, summer ended, not saved

II. THE ROCK BADGERS (CONIES, KJV), vs. 26.

A. They, too, knew their limitations.

B. Because of their feebleness, they selected a place of refuge in the solid impenetrable rocks.

Matt. 7:24-27

From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For You have been a shelter for me. (Psa 61:2-3)

III. THE LOCUSTS, vs. 27.

A. Christians do have a King.

...The Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords & King of kings; & those who are with Him are called, chosen, & faithful. (Rev. 17:14).

Matt. 28:18-20; Heb. 1:1-2; Matt. 17:5

B. We need to learn to work together as our King directs.

Acts 2:1, 44; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Heb. 10:25;

C. If locusts can work together without a king, surely Christians can work together under the King of kings.

IV. THE SPIDER (LIZARD, ASV), vs. 28.

A. The spider has a talent, puts that talent to work.

B. So, as the song says, "There's a work for every Christian in the vineyard of the Lord."

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might for there is no work or device or knowledge in the grave where you are going. (Eccl. 9:10).

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called & have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. (1 Tim. 6:12).

1 Peter 1:5-11

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