

TWO THINGS HAVE I REQUIRED OF THEE PROVERBS 30:7-9

Text: Proverb 30:7

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⁷Two *things* have I required of thee; deny me *them* not before I die:

Introduction:

1. REALIZATION – BEFORE I DIE

He realized that his life one day will end

Life is Brief at Best

We need to make the most of the opportunities God presents us with.

2. REQUEST (VS. 8)

Proverbs 30:8

⁸Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

A. Remove Far From Me Vanity and Lies

Vanity is defined as lack of real value; hollowness; worthlessness: and lies are the expression of this in words.

This is very similar to the sample prayer the Lord gave.

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰ Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

He instructs us to pray that we are not lead into temptation and to deliver us from evil.

B. Give me neither poverty nor riches

C. Feed Me

"Feed me with food convenient for me;" that which you know to be suited to my need.

God knows what will nourish our spiritual nature.

Let us ask him to grant us what he knows is best, surely believing that what he gives in answer to our prayer is the best for us to receive that, whatever the measure be, and not something sweeter, or finer, or more enduring.

3. REASON (VS. 9)

Proverbs 30:9

⁹ Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain*.

There's the chance of denying or not depending on the Lord as we should.

Riches often tempt us to deny the giver.

Someone once said; "The deepest atheism springs from self-sufficiency"

Prospering in the flesh often leads to impoverishing the spirit.

Extreme poverty may be equally problematic.

It tempts to dishonesty, even to perjury.

Someone once said, "It hard for an empty sack to stand on end."

Close:

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