



THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S

Prov. 30:15-16, 18-19,
21-23, 24-28, 29-31

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16 The grave; and the barren womb; the earth *that* is not filled with water; and the fire *that* saith not, *It is enough*. ...

Prov. 18 There be three *things which* are too wonderful for me, yea, **four** which I know not:

19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid....

Prov. 21 For three *things* the earth is disquieted, and for **four** *which* it cannot bear:

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23 For an odious *woman* when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress. ...

Prov. 30:24 There be **four** *things which are* little upon the earth, but they *are* exceeding wise:

25 The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;

26 The conies *are but* a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;

28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

Prov. 30:29 There be three *things* which go well, yea, **four** are comely in going:

30 A lion *which is* strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;

31 A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom *there is* no rising up.

I. THE FANTASTIC FOUR WITH NO SATISFACTION

Prov. 30:15 The horseleach hath two daughters, *crying*, Give, give. There are three *things that* are never satisfied, yea, **four** *things* say not, *It is enough*:

16 The grave; and the barren womb; the earth *that* is not filled with water; and the fire *that* saith not, *It is enough*....

1. “The grave; and...”
2. “...the barren womb...”
3. “...the earth *that* is not filled with water; and...”
4. “...the fire...”

When is enough, enough?

1. FINALITY – “The grave; ...” – Life is perpetually ending AND the grave is never satisfied with “enough.”

Jas. 4:14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. **For what *is your life*? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.**

Job 14:1 Man *that is* born of a woman ***is of few days***, and full of trouble.

2. FAMILY – “...the barren womb...” Lineage is languishing AND the future family heritage is jeopardized.

Psa. 127:3 Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward.

3. FILLING – “...the earth *that* is not filled with water...” – Lust is never quenched AND like the earth, never has “enough.”

2 Tim. 2:22 **Flee** also youthful lusts: but **follow** righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a **pure heart**.

1 Pet. 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul**;

Gal. 5:16 *This* I say then, **Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

4. FIRE – “...the fire...” Loss by fire consumes, continually, AND is never satisfied.

Prov. 26:20 **Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out:** so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

21 As coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.

Summary

- Life is perpetually ending AND the grave is never satisfied with “enough.”
- Lineage is languishing AND the future family heritage is jeopardized.
- Lust is never quenched AND like the earth, never has “enough.”
- Loss by fire consumes, AND continually, is never satisfied.

II. THE FANTASTIC FOUR WITH NO SIMPLIFICATION

Prov. 30:18 There be three *things which* are too wonderful for me, yea, **four** which I know not:

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1. “The way of an eagle in the air...”
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3. “...the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and ...”
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1. SOARING – “The way of an eagle in the air...” How does the eagle fly? How can one reach great heights?

2. SERPENTS – “...the way of a serpent upon a rock...” How do serpents overcome their limitations? What does it take to go forward?

3. SHIPS – “...the way of a ship in the midst of the sea...” How do ships maneuver? How can one overcome life’s storms of difficulties?

4. SEX – “...the way of a man with a maid.” What is it about a relationship that is so simple, yet so complex, but also so fulfilling?

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III. THE FANTASTIC FOUR WITH NO SOLACE

Prov. 30:21 For three *things* the earth is disquieted, and for **four** *which* it cannot bear:

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1. UNQUALIFIED – “For a servant when he reigneth...” – Chaos results when the unqualified gain authority.
2. UNAPPRECIATIVE – “...a fool when he is filled with meat...” – Callousness results when the unsympathetic are content.
3. UNPLEASANT – “For an odious *woman* when she is married...” – Clamorous atmosphere abounds with the presence of hateful malcontents.
4. UNGRACIOUS – “...an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.” – Contemptuous arrogance generates discord.

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1. PREPARATION – “The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;”

2. PRESERVATION – “The conies *are but* a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;”

3. PROGRESSION – “The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;”

4. PERSEVERANCE – “The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.”

V. THE FANTASTIC FOUR WITH NO SHORTCOMINGS

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1. STRENGTH – “A lion *which is* strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any...”
2. SPEED – “A greyhound...”
3. STABILITY – “...an he goat...”
4. SOLITUDE – “...a king, against whom *there is* no rising up.”

Conclusion

Phil. 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things *are* **honest**, whatsoever things *are* **just**, whatsoever things *are* **pure**, whatsoever things *are* **lovely**, whatsoever things *are* of **good report**; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, **think on these things**.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, **do**: and the God of peace shall be with you.