

HE IS COMELY IN HIS GOING

Text: Proverbs 30:29-31

These verses are a part of a prophecy spoken by Agur to two men, Ithiel and Ucal. We don't know who these men are, only that this was spoken by Agur and that it was recorded and preserved by the men of king Hezekiah. The Bible calls this chapter a prophecy, meaning that Agur spoke it by divine influence and all scripture is given by inspiration of God.

There are five lists in the prophecy that start out "there be three things, yea four are...". There are four insatiable things, four unknowable things, four disturbing things, four things that are small yet exceedingly wise, and four things that go well. I am interested in this last list because I believe it is not only descriptive of four things that are majestic in their movements, but that they also about the beauty of the going forth of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 53 tells us that Christ had no comeliness in his physical appearance. There was nothing physically attractive about his form or features. This list praises the comeliness of the going of four things that we can draw spiritual parallels to Christ. The word **comeA ly** means pleasant to look at; attractive; captivating or striking.

- **A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any** – You never see a lion running away in fear. The lion is always the animal in pursuit, and it is known as the king of the jungle. The lion is comely in its going because of its courage. Jesus was comely in his going because of his courage. When Lazarus died and was buried, Jesus told his disciples **John 11:7-8** Then after that saith he to *his* disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. *His* disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? *Bethany was not far from Jerusalem which contained a mass of people that wanted Jesus dead. Many Jews had come from Jerusalem to mourn with Mary and Martha so the probability was high that people would try to stone him, or go and tell people that would.* **John 11:11-16** These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him. *Jesus was not afraid at all nor turned aside for any, but went to Bethany, then to the tomb*

and raised Lazarus from the dead before a multitude of unbelievers. He turned not aside to from going to where the maniac of Gadara was but crossed a stormy sea to rescue a man with thousands of devils in him. A man that society was terrified of and that religion wanted nothing to do with him. When others were chaining him up and running him off, Jesus was setting him free and restoring his life. He turned not aside from Calvary - **Isaiah 50:6-7** I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. “Set my face like a flint” is an idiom that means to have unwavering determination.

- **The greyhound** – A greyhound is not a good-looking dog, but when it runs it is swift and graceful. The movement of a greyhound is captivating. The movements of Christ were full of grace. His movements were graceful when he was entering Nain and as a funeral procession was coming out. He met a widow who was about to bury her only son. He stopped the procession, touched the coffin and told the young man to rise. The young man sat up, and Jesus delivered him to his mother alive. An adulteress woman was thrown down at his feet guilty, and under a death sentence. The Pharisees called for a movement of justice, but mercy answered. Jesus pointed out that the same law that condemns this woman, condemns us all. They dropped their stones and left. Jesus told the woman to go and sin no more. He was graceful when he moved past the sycamore tree that held a dishonest tax collector in it. He called Zacchaeus down and went home with him. When the sinful woman came in weeping on his feet and anointing him with oil, the Pharisee passed judgment and on them both in his mind, but the Lord moved with grace and said “thy sins are forgiven”.
- **The he goat** – The he goat goes before the flock in a very stately manner, conducting them with great courage and resolution. He is ready to fight for them. Great captains are often compared to the he goat. A captain is the head or chief officer who commands a company and is skilled in war. Christ is the head of the church and the captain of our salvation. The church is the body of Christ, and we are to take our orders from him. The body is not supposed to act independently of the head.
Exodus 15:2-3 The LORD *is* my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he *is* my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD *is* a man of war: the LORD *is* his name. **Revelation 19:11-15** And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in

blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

- **A king against whom there is no rising up** – This is a mighty and victorious king insomuch that none dare oppose him. Jesus Christ came to earth in a humble and lowly way. He left in an amazing way (ascending from the Mount of Olives). He is coming back in a glorious way as the king of all creation. A king has a capitol city where his throne resides, for Christ it is Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday he rode a donkey into Jerusalem presenting himself as their king and Messiah. He entered the city through the eastern gate, but he was rejected by the elders and religious leaders. He was crucified a few days later and buried, resurrected the third day and ascended back to heaven forty days later. There is a prophecy in Ezekiel about the eastern gate remaining shut because it is only used by the Lord - **Ezekiel 44:1-3** Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it *was* shut. Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut. *It is* for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and shall go out by the way of the same. In 1541 AD, Suleiman the Magnificent, a Muslim conqueror of Jerusalem, rebuilt the city walls and had the eastern gate bricked up to prevent the Jewish Messiah from entering it after being shown this prophecy. **Zechariah 14:3-4** Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.