

SCRIPTURE: Eccl. 4

SINGING: 179:1-4 – 405:1, 3 4, 6, 7 – 388:1-5 – 370:1-2

Ps. 104 is divinely inspired poetic commentary on the Creator's Creation!

A. It declares that the *earth is full of God's riches* (vs. 24): what riches?

B. We considered God's testimony in the ants and conies

1. The ants remind us of Paul's 3 F's to Timothy (1 Tim. 6:11-12)

2. The conies remind us of David's trust in the Rock (Ps. 31:1; 71:16)

III. God's Sermon in the Locust (Prov. 30:27)

A. One locust is small and no threat to us: *yet they overcome us by wisdom!*

1. What is their wisdom?

B. A band of locusts God's sermon to exhort and encourage us

1. Locust are united without a king: *Christians often divided with the King!*

a. Phil. 1:27 *Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that (...) ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel.* (Also Eph. 4:1-6)

b. The believers' work is first *to band together* to do Kingdom's work

C. Locusts' wisdom gives direction to face one of 2020's greatest challenge

1. What is one of the greatest challenges of 2020?

2. What does Scripture teach us how to combat this human need?

a. that *spiritual communion* with God doesn't cancel this need: Gen. 2:18

- b. that every human being needs a *family to love and to be loved*
 - God's Kingdom is always spoken about as a family (Luke 8:21; Eph. 2:19-20; 3:14-15)

- c. that a church family ought to be a family for our lonely neighbors
 - Ex. 22:21-22; Lev. 19:34; Ps. 68:6

- d. that we need **real** people to trust/confide in (Eccl. 4:9-12)
 - Heb. 10:24-25 is *exhorting to encourage each other*

 - Gal. 6:10; 1 Thess. 3:12, 5:15 sets out God's mandate for His people to be *front-runners*

IV. God's Sermon in the Spider (Prov. 30:28)

A. A spider is one of God's engineering marvels

B. Solomon chose the spider to picture exceeding wisdom: *what is their wisdom?*

1. Is it their unique abilities?
2. Is it their patient endurance waiting for a meal?
3. Is it their perseverance to get in the best places?

Prov. 22:29 *Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings, he shall not stand before mean (unknown) men.*

C. Are you as persevering and diligent to dwell in palace of the King?

1. We are as unfit in God's palace as the spider in Solomon's (John 3:3)
2. Yet there is way we **can** and **may** enter to live in God's palace!

John 10:9 *I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, He shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture*