

Proverbs 30:4-9

*Who has gone up to heaven and come down?
Whose hands have gathered up the wind?
Who has wrapped up the waters in a cloak?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is his name, and what is the name of his son?
Surely you know!*

“Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

“Two things I ask of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonour the name of my God.

Watchword: Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (1.Pt.5:7)

Our Lord God - the F, S & HS - is a shield to those, who take refuge in him. He's the one, who lives in the cosmic heavens and divine expanses. All the earth is but a footstool to his glory and might. He has all authority in heaven and the cosmic expanses. There is nowhere beyond his reach or control. His hands have gathered up the wind. He has wrapped up the waters in a cloak and determined their bed and territorial locality. They flow but in the course predestined for them whether the river is called Mississippi, Amazon, Danube, Volga, Nile, Congo, Niger, Orange or Limpopo, Zambezi, Ganges, Yangtse (Chang), Huang (Yellow) or Indus. Even the continents are his and the very ends of the world. What is his name? He is, who he is - Alpha en Omega. Lord of hosts (Zebaoth), Jehovah, God of Israel and all the world, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who brought out Israel from Egypt and brought them into the promised land. He is the Father of the only begotten Son IX - the very son of the virgin Mary, the true mother of God's very own Son IX, the Messiah, Son of Man & King David too, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit one God undivided unity and most holy trinity. Surely you know him. Surely you do!

He's the one, you are to trust, love and fear above all else. He's a shield to those, who take refuge in him. He's the sure rock and true redeemer. When he speaks it stands there. He is the very truth and blessed reality. Every word of his is flawless, pure and most holy. Effective, efficacious, powerful to destroy any opposition, quell rebellion and overcome all adversity. That's why its wise and prudent to take careful note of this his revelation. His

godly communication is the core and structure of all, the essence of all being. That's why we should listen carefully to every word of his, taking note of his very utterances like a maidservant attentively concentrating on the hands of her mistress and better still. Holding it sacred and gladly hearing and learning it by heart and keeping it in our minds and thoughts and meditations day and night, chewing not the words as the cow on the cud. Not just tying it to our wrists and foreheads or posting it to our walls and facebook, but keeping it in our very hearts and innermost beings, concentrated, focussed and absorbing not letting one of his announcements falling by the wayside or neglecting any of his testaments for everybody who, hears these his words will be like a wise builder, who builds his house on a rock and firm foundation. When the storms of life come, they will not be able to pull down the faith and trust and hope anchored in these very firm foundations: *Blessed is he, whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers. For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction. (Psalm 1:2-3.6)*

Therefore do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar. That will happen at the very latest in the Last Judgement, but sometimes even in this time and age as has happened when the Holy Spirit has led and guided the Church to deny false teaching, heresy and sectarian falsehoods as it has believed, taught and confessed in great unanimity and faithful restriction and concentration on the truth, what the living God has entrusted to her in the Christian Faith and Lutheran Confession. There is no prophecy to be expected that contradicts or adds to the divine revelation received by the apostles and prophets of the Lord. Rather we should hear, learn, trust and teach, preach and confess all of that, which he has entrusted to us in the days of old and through which mighty and powerful and effective word he even builds his one holy Christian Church even in these latter days. Grateful for the bright light of the gospel that he has brought to shine in his Church and by which he keeps and preserves it always and through all afflictions and hard times. Don't expect innovations like those of that terrible liar and deceiver Mohammed who has misled millions with Satanic verses or Quran from the true founts of life grants salvation and eternal life in paradise and even today still causes havoc and strife, misery and greatest delusion, nor Adam Smith with his despicable Book of Mormon, which never came from heaven but only from the depths of his delusional and idolatrous

factory of fictitious constructions and misleading fantasies. There is but one way to the Father and that is Jesus Christ himself - the life, the light and the way. Everybody who denies him as Lord and saviour is a liar and doesn't know the truth.

Closing off we take on the twofold prayer of the preacher as our own: "Two things I ask of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonour the name of my God."

1. Lord keep us in your Truth. Your word is the truth. That's why we read, hear, learn, study it and abide by it - every day of our lives.
2. Give us today our daily bread: What is that? Dr. Martin Luther explains: Daily bread is *„Everything that belongs to the support and wants of the body, such as meat, drink, clothing, shoes, house, homestead, field, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful magistrates, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honour, good friends, faithful neighbours, and the like.“* (Small Catechism) The Lord provides and keeps us from disowning him or dishonouring his name. Praise be to him - now and always. Amen.