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**Agur's Thoughts on God, Real Life,
and Learning Humility
Proverbs 30**

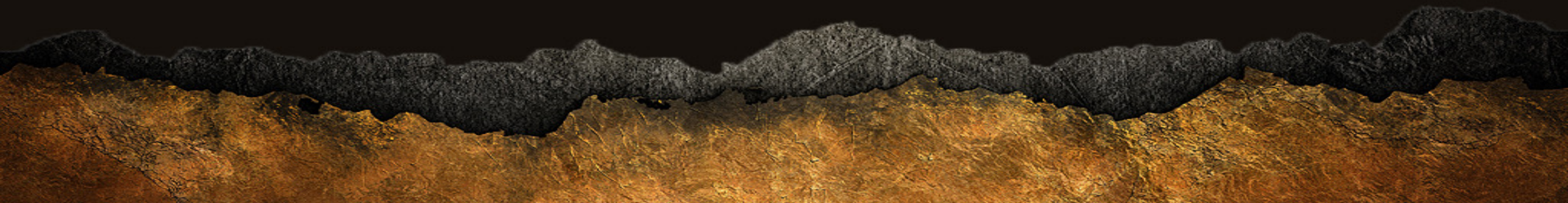
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Theme:

Carefully considering God and His providence
can teach us much about humility.



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Two Avenues for Learning Humility:

- I. We Can Learn Humility by Considering How God Relates to Us (1–10)
 - A. The Wisdom of God (2–3)
 - B. The Power of God (4)
 - C. The Revelation of God (5–6)
 - D. The Protection of God (7–8a)
 - E. The Provision of God (8b–9)
 - F. The Judgment of God (10)



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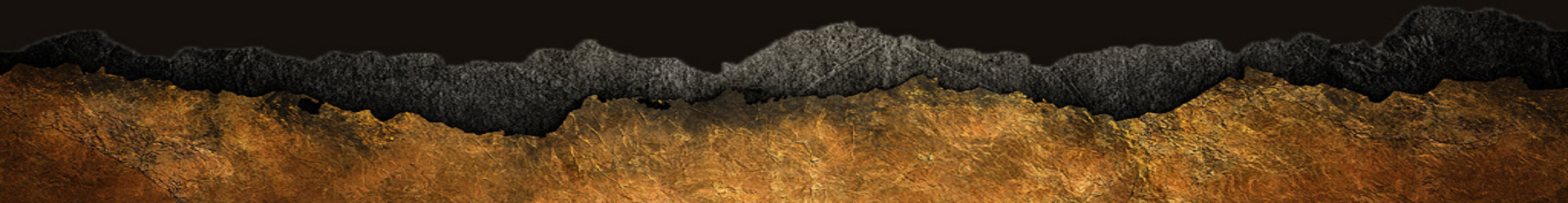
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II. We Can Learn Humility by Considering How God Orders Our Lives (11–33)

A. The People in our Lives (11–14)

1. The Disrespectful (11)
2. The Self-Righteous (12)
3. The Arrogant (13)
4. The Oppressive (14)

Lesson: People express their sinful pride in a variety of ways.



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1. Sheol
2. The Barren Womb
3. Earth that is never satisfied with water
4. Fire that never says, "Enough."

Lesson: Pondering the certainty of death and judgment will certainly humble us.



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C. The Mysteries of Life (18–20)

1. An eagle in the sky
2. A serpent on a rock
3. A ship in the middle of the sea
4. A man with a maid

Lesson: Humility accepts life's mysteries, but pride ignores plain truth.



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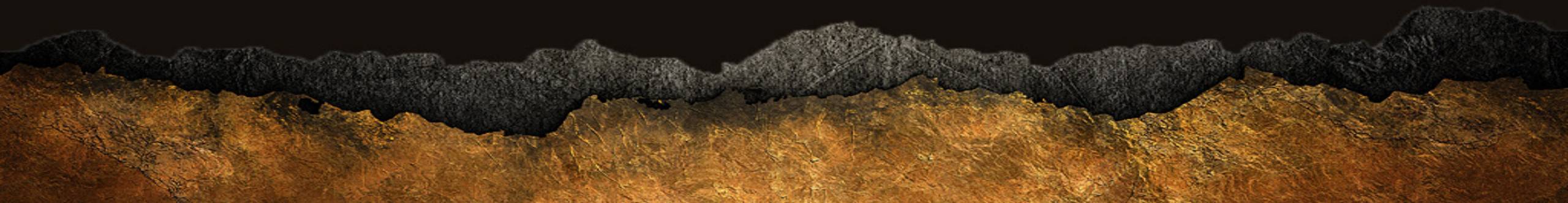
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Lesson: Proudly taking a position you are
not fit for only leads to dysfunction and
harm.



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E. The Skills of Life (24–28)

1. A Lesson in Preparation (25)

2. A Lesson in Protection (26)

3. A Lesson in Organization (27)

4. A Lesson in Situation (28)

Lesson: Practical wisdom is often learned from the most humble “people”



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- F. The Leadership in our Lives (29–33)

- A. The lion, mighty among beasts
- B. The strutting rooster
- C. The male goat
- D. A king, when his army is with him

Lesson: Good leadership is marked by a humble example, not proud confidence



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