

Four Mysteries for the Overcomers

Prov.30:18-19

Proverbs 30:18-19 records 4 mysteries, or wonderful things, that are difficult to understand.

Each of these four 'ways' of movement teach spiritual truth for the overcomers, 1 Cor.15:46

1. THE WAY OF THE EAGLE IN THE AIR:

Eagle = the Christian with renewed strength from God, Is.40:31

Wind = the moving of the Holy Spirit, John 3:8

MYSTERY REVEALED: THE SPIRIT – EMPOWERED CHRISTIAN!

- An eagle effortlessly soars, not by the eagle's own power, but by the power of the wind.

- An overcoming Christian functions, not by his own might or power, but by the power of the Holy Spirit!

2. THE WAY OF A SERPENT ON A ROCK:

Serpent = the devil, Rev. 12:9 "that old serpent, called the devil"

Rock = Christ, 1 Cor.10:4 "that rock was Christ"

- A snake slithers back & forth sideways, but it is actually moving in a completely different direction: forward! It is deceptive in its movement.

-The serpent twists & bites, but it cannot disturb or hurt a rock!

MYSTERY REVEALED: OVERCOMING THE DECEIVER

- Christ the Rock couldn't be influenced, moved or deceived by the slithering snake, the Devil.

- The Christian is also to partake of Christ's nature & become a rock: in 2 Pet.2:5 we are called "living stones."

We should not become confused or deceived by the serpent's maneuvers – be a rock!

3. THE WAY OF A SHIP IN THE MIDST OF THE SEA:

The Ship = the Church

The Sea = peoples, multitudes & nations Rev.17:15

MYSTERY REVEALED: THE TRIUMPHANT CHURCH!

- A ship cuts through the waves, moves across the wind, fights through the storms, to get to its desired destination.

- We are to be a people of purpose, undeflected by the storms of life.
- Sometimes Christ seems to be sleeping in our ship, Mat.8:23-26. We must awaken faith to still the waves, James 1:6.
- Mat.14:22-34 Sometimes we do not see Christ when our ship is in a storm: we see a ghost, or we see the wind and waves... We must see the mighty Christ who will bring His people through to their final destination!
- Is the world pressuring you to conform? Relatives? Friends? Your Job? Do you have financial pressure? Stay on course! Don't get sidetracked! Press on!

4. THE WAY OF A MAN WITH A MAID:

The Man, the Bridegroom, is Christ- Eph.5:31-32
 The Woman, the Bride, is the Church- Rev.19:7

MYSTERY REVEALED: THE MARRIAGE OF CHRIST & HIS CHURCH

Falling in love is one of the great mysteries of life-how a man can woo a maiden and gain her affection & trust until they become husband and wife.

Christ demonstrates His love, His faithfulness, His patience... but we must respond! TRUST HIM! GIVE HIM YOUR LIFE! PREPARE FOR THE WEDDING!

Rev. 19:7 The Bride has made herself ready...

These 4 Mysteries, 4 Ways of Movement, can teach us wisdom to become overcomers...

* Are you weak and weary? WAIT ON THE LORD! Let the Holy Spirit lead and empower you!

* Are you confused or tempted? ASK FOR STRENGTH, BE FIRM! Become a Rock!

* Are you feeling pressured by the storms of life? STAY ON COURSE, PRESS ON, FOLLOW GOD!

* Are you afraid of what God wants to do in your life? TRUST HIM! LOVE HIM! RESPOND TO CHRIST!