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### **Ants: They Sting, But Also Amaze!**

The little-bitty ant is an amazing creature which God created. There are thousands of different species. They live in groups or colonies, and help each other to maintain their lives. They are known for their special organizational skills and have an unusually good sense of direction. All of these characteristics are NOT from some “evolutionary” process, but rather by the creation of an all mighty, all wise, all powerful creator God.

The tiny ant learns in some ways, much like we do. They appear to teach each other and then follow one another to food sources and use the same technique plus memory to return to their nest.

Solomon wrote about the ant in Proverbs 6:6-8, **“Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.”**

Notice closely one of the species of ants, the parasol ant. It sows, fertilizes, and prunes their crop of leaves which they have harvested and made into compost. It has been said that their farming skills are so complex that scientists were not able to figure out their system for over 100 years of study. And yet, some still try to say they evolved from some evolutionary process. Another species of ants use a process similar to our herding of cows. Small aphids suck the sap of certain plants and the ants bring them out each morning to “milk” them. It is amazing what and how these different species of ants live. This is why the wise man Solomon wrote **“consider her ways, and be wise.”**

Ants are to be learned from and learned about. We must respect them or else they will invade your home, your yard, and even your bag of sugar. Learning from them is a continual process as we see how hard they work to provide for their families every day. They provide, they defend, and they even invade when threatened. You will never see an able bodied ant that is on social welfare as they work willingly and tirelessly.

**“Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways...”** Notice how Solomon uses this thought to teach about those who are sluggards in their ways:

\*\*\* **“How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?”** (Proverbs 6:9). Solomon continues in verse 11 by saying that those who sleep **(become as sluggards) will see poverty and want come upon them.**

\*\*\* **“The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing:...”** (Proverbs 13:4). Why? Because the sluggard is not willing to work (serve the Lord) and therefore they are lacking in Spiritual Maturity.

\*\*\* **“The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing”** (Proverbs 20:4). See the words of Paul in I Corinthians 9:10, **“...he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope”.**

\*\*\* **“The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason”** (Proverbs 26:16). Paul alludes to this same condition in I Corinthians 8:2, **“And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.”** There are far too many of God’s children which fall into this category.

Perhaps we too, would be good to **“consider”** the ways of the ant, **“and be wise.”** Our work in the Kingdom of God should be in unity, of one accord, and be to the praise, honor, and glory of God; He who created the ant for His glory and also saw fit to create us for the same reason. However, God’s children need also to remember the words of David in Psalm 139:14, **“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”** Perhaps it is now time to **“Think About IT!”**