

“THE WEAVER ANT”

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One evening while working on my computer a thought entered my mind concerning the ant and I was reminded of the scripture in the book of Proverbs 6:6, which plainly states, “Go to the ant thou sluggard consider her ways and be wise.” I did not think anymore about the ant until a few days later while sitting in the podiatrist office with my mother.

As she was being waited on I decided to look for something to read and there on the table were several magazines. The magazine that I chose to read was a National Geographic and in it was an article on the Weaver Ant which is found in Australia and Parts of Africa. Proverbs 6:6 came to mind again.

The article on the Weaver Ant was so interesting it stated that this type of ant holds a silk producing larva in its jaws spreading the larva’s sticky secretions to bind leaves for the colony nest. The wisdom of God is evident in these tiny creatures. Each colony inhabits from a half dozen to more than a hundred nests at any given time.

They work in perfect harmony and unity in forming their colonies. They also exhibit excellent communication skills. After one task is finished they move on to another task working together and communicating. Their senses are very keen when confronted with danger or intruders they are very quick to attack while one group is attacking, another group is on the way to help in the attack.

The colony of ants is considered a unified body performing different tasks but working together for the same cause, which is to serve, protect and to build. Their performance is considered as social networking, which is defined as the development of social and professional contacts, the sharing of information and services among people with a common interest.

Just as the ant has a diversity of tasks we also have been given tasks that are according to the ability that God has given us. It is also very amazing how God gives every species its own wisdom.

The thought that stays in my mind is “unity.” We must work together and communicate to accomplish the work that God has for us as a unified body of believers and though the tasks differ from one to the other, when the day is done, God is glorified.

God considers the ant a wise creature.