

### **Animals are created by God's spirit and have souls:**

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth. *Psalms 104:30*

In [the Lord's] hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. *Job 12:10*

### **Animals were originally created as helpers and companions, not as food:**

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. *Genesis 2:18-19*

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. *Genesis 1:29-30*

### **God has made and will make covenants with the animals:**

And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; and with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. *Genesis 9:8-11 (also 9:12-17)*

And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. *Hosea 2:18*

### **God knows all the animals in the world:**

Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? *Luke 12:6*

God said, "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine." *Psalms 50:10-11*

### **Animals can cry out to God:**

The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness. *Joel 1:20*

Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat. *Job 38:41*

### **Animals can praise God:**

Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl... Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. *Psalms 148:10, 13*

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. *Psalms 150:6A*

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. *Revelation 5:13*

### **Animals can hear and obey God:**

And the word of the LORD came unto [Elijah], saying... it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there... And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. *1 Kings 17:2,4,6*

Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights... And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land. *Jonah 1:17, 2:10*

### **God considers animals when taking action:**

God said, "And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?" *Jonah 4:11*

And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged. *Genesis 8:1*

### **God provides for animals:**

O LORD, thou preservest man and beast. *Psalms 36:6B*

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. *Psalms 147:9*

He sendeth the springs into the valleys... They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst. By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches... He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle... *Psalms 104:10A, 11-14A*

The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. *Psalms 104:21*

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. *Matthew 6:26A*

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. There go the ships: there is that leviathan [large sea creature], whom thou hast made to play therein. These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season. That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good. *Psalms 104:24-28*

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works... Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. *Psalms 145:9, 16*

### **God takes pleasure in animals:**

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. *Revelation 4:11*

### **We can learn from animals:**

But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? *Job 12:7-9*

### **We are commanded to treat animals well:**

A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel. *Proverbs 12:10*

If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him. *Exodus 23:5*

Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn. *Deuteronomy 25:4*

And the angel of the LORD said unto [Balaam], Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? Behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me: And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive. *Numbers 22:32-33*

### **God commanded that animals be given rest on the Sabbath:**

Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle... *Deuteronomy 5:13-14A (also Exodus 20:10)*

*All Scripture in this pamphlet is from the King James Version of the Bible.*

### **Jesus Christ will return on a white horse:**

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. *Revelation 19:11*

### **When Christ returns, all creation will be delivered and liberated:**

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. *Romans 8:18-23*

### **Animals will be present in the new heavens and new earth:**

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. *Isaiah 65:25A*

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. *Isaiah 11:6-9*

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