



STUDY #5 Animals

When we look at animals, we can learn something of the God who created them!

Here are 3 ways that animals speak of their creator!

1- Animals speak of a creator who values his creatures!

- **Exodus 23:12** Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your servant woman, and the alien, may be refreshed.
- **Luke 12:6** Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God.
- **Proverbs 12:10** Whoever is righteous has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel.
- **Matthew 6:25-33** Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?...

2- Animals speak of a creator who is sovereign over all His creatures!

Bears are scary. They don't scare God. They obey Him.

- **Daniel 6:22** My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me.
- **2 Peter 2:16** A speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.
- **Jonah 2:10** And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.
- **1 Kings 17:4** You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.
- **Psalms 50:10-12** For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine."
- **Isaiah 11:6-9** The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

3- Animals speak of a creator who gives dominion, jobs, and responsibilities to humans!

- **Genesis 1:26-28** Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- **Psalm 8:6-9** You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Share!

It's time for some Alaskan bear stories! Share about your close encounters with wildlife.

In what ways have you seen God's care for his creatures?

What is your biggest takeaway from this study?

Sing!

All Creatures of Our God and King, Uncle Noah's Ark, Who's the King of the Jungle