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Animals in God's Story

Appendix 3: What Scripture Says About Animals

by – Steve Martin & Clyde Pilkington, Jr.



The following verses reveal a beautiful and often overlooked truth: **God deeply cares for animals.** From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture consistently reflects His compassion for every living creature.

These passages show that animals are not just background details in the biblical story – they're participants in God's creation, recipients of His care, and even part of His future restoration.

In these verses, you'll find animals being protected (Exodus 23:12), cared for (Proverbs 12:10), and included in God's grand redemptive plan (Isaiah 65:25, Revelation 5:13). You'll see that God's mercy extends to "man and beast" (Psalm 36:6), and that even creation itself joins in worship and waits for the day of renewal (Job 12:7-10, Romans 8:19-22).

Whether they are working alongside us, suffering under our broken world, or singing in the final chorus of praise, these creatures matter – to us and to God. Let these verses open your heart to the deeper story God is telling through every paw, hoof, wing, and fin.

Genesis 1:25

And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 2:19

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 6:18-19

18 But with thee will I establish My covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

Genesis 9:9-10

9 And I, behold, I establish My covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

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- the universality of death and resurrection (I Corinthians 15:21);
- the unique gospel of Paul – which he calls "my gospel" (Romans 2:16; 16:25; II Timothy 2:8; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 13-28; Acts 20:24);
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- the distinct message and ministry of Paul, the apostle to the nations (Ephesians 3:1-3);
- the importance of receiving all whom Christ has received (Romans 14-15);
- the recovery of rich Biblical truth that has too long remained hidden under the veils of traditionalism, prejudice,

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10 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.

Exodus 23:12

Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine donkey may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.

II Samuel 12:3

But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, **and was unto him as a daughter.**

Job 12:7-10

7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:

8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?

10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

Psalm 36:6

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; Thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, Thou preservest man **and** beast.

Psalm 150:6

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Psalm 145:9

The LORD is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works.

Proverbs 12:10

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

Isaiah 11:6

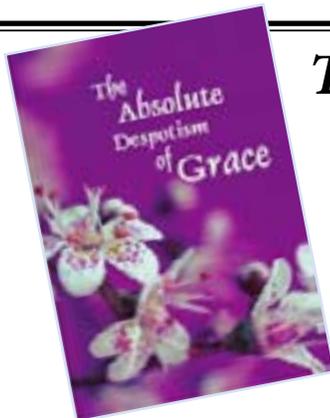
The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; **and a little child shall lead them.**

Isaiah 11:9

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 65: 17, 25

17 "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered,



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nor come into mind.

25 *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. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,” saith the LORD.*

Hosea 2:18

*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.***

Ezekiel 34:25

*And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: **and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.***

Matthew 10:29-31

29 *Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and*

one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30 *But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*

31 *Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.*

Mark 1:13

*And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; **and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto Him.***

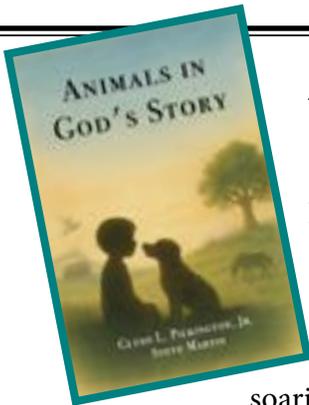
Luke 14:5

And answered them, saying, “Which of you shall have an donkey or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?”

Acts 3:21

Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since

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Animals in God’s Story (Pre-publication notice)

by — Steve Martin & Clyde Pilkington

Have you ever wondered why God made animals? What role do they play in the grand story He’s telling? Are they simply background scenery – or is there something more?

Animals in God’s Story invites you on a journey through Scripture and nature to discover how animals reflect the heart of their Creator. From loyal dogs to soaring doves, from lions in prophetic visions to a donkey that speaks, this book uncovers the often-overlooked ways animals have always been a part of God’s redemptive plan.

You’ll explore:

- Why animals were created and what they reveal about God’s nature.
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- The significance of animals in the coming restoration of all things.
- What it means that God’s care extends beyond people to all creation.

This book is for anyone who’s ever felt a deep connection with a pet, marveled at wildlife, or sensed that animals know more than we give them credit for. It’s a gentle, grace-filled reminder that animals are not just part of God’s world – they’re part of His story.

Animals in God's Story

Appendix 4: Scriptures in *Animals in God's Story*

by – Steve Martin & Clyde Pilkington, Jr.

This book is rooted in a powerful truth found all throughout Scripture: **God is restoring everything. Everyone. Every creature. Every corner of creation.**

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible doesn't paint a picture of selective salvation or narrow rescue. It reveals a God Who refuses to lose **anyone or anything** He has made. That includes the animals we love – but also the people we miss, the world we groan for, and the stories we thought were over.

The verses below were woven throughout the chapters to remind us that God's plan of redemption is wide, wild and unstoppable. It's about **all things being made new.**

So, if you've ever loved a pet, mourned a person, or longed for healing in the world – these Scriptures are for you.

Genesis 1:25

God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds ... and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 6:18–19

God tells Noah to bring two of every living creature into the ark.

Genesis 9:9–10

God establishes a covenant not only with Noah but with every living creature that came out of the ark.

II Samuel 12:3

Nathan's parable of a lamb: *"It shared his food, drank from his cup, lay in his arms ... like a daughter to him."*

Psalms 150:6

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Proverbs 12:10

A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast ...

Isaiah 65:25

Describes a peaceable kingdom: *"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together ..."*

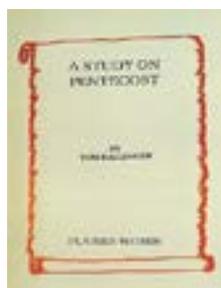
(Various Isaiah passages referenced throughout the book.)

Hosea 2:18

I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven ...

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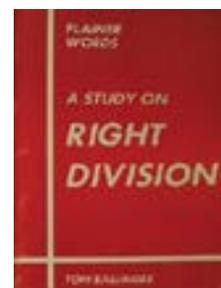


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Matthew 10:29–31

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? ... Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Mark 1:13

He was with the wild animals, and angels attended Him.

John 12:32

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.

Acts 3:21

Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things ...

Romans 3:24

Being justified freely by His grace ...

Romans 5:20

Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

Romans 8:20–22

All creation groans, awaiting freedom from corruption.

Romans 8:21

Creation will be “delivered into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”

I Corinthians 15:22

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

II Corinthians 5:19

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself ...

Colossians 1:20

And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself ...

I Timothy 4:10

We trust in the living God, Who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

Ephesians 2:7

That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace ...

Revelation 21:5

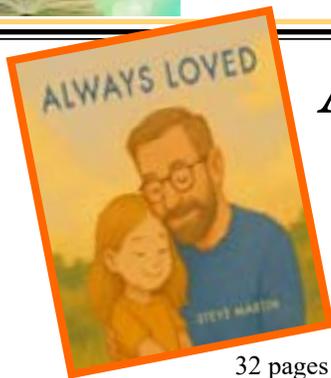
And He that sat upon the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

Each of these verses points toward a bigger gospel – one that includes not just souls with two legs, but every living creature made by God’s hand. Let them remind you: nothing that God calls good is ever lost. Not the animals. Not the people. Not the promise. **BSN**

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Authors' Note

by – Steve Martin & Clyde Pilkington, Jr.

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People who cried themselves to sleep over their child, or parent, or pet.

People who've been handed fear instead of comfort. Worry instead of peace.

Maybe that's you.

Maybe you were taught that God's love comes with a condition. That grace has an expiration date. That only some make it in.

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This book is our way of handing you back what religion stole: hope.

The kind of hope that doesn't hedge or flinch or make

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The kind of hope that runs all the way to the end of the story and shouts: God wins. Love wins. And no one is missing. Not even the animals.

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the world began.

Romans 8:20-22

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him Who hath subjected the same in hope,

21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Colossians 1:15

Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature.

Colossians 1:20

And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Revelation 5:13

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 honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

Revelation 21:5

And He that sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said unto me, "Write: for these words are true and faithful."

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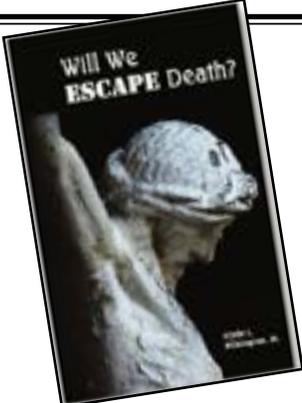
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by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

The plight of humanity is mortality and death. In every age the believer's hope has always been resurrection from the dead and the glory which lays beyond. It was Satan who first introduced the idea, "Thou shalt not surely die." So, what makes anyone think that Satan was right – that we are actually not going to die? What makes someone expect that, of all of the people who have ever lived before them, they will somehow be the ones who will *escape* death? The answer, in one word: tradition.

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