

SIYON

House Of Prayer



ANIMALS

I. ARE ANIMALS & MANKIND THE SAME CREATION?

GEN 1:24-28

GEN 2:7

LUKE 12:5-7

1. Man is not just a higher animal; man was created separate & in the image of God.
Gen 1:24
2. Man has a living soul. Gen 2:7
Animals are never mentioned in this form, nor is it ever taught that animals are eternal.
3. God does care for animals. Luke 12:5-7 -- Says that He does not forget even a tiny sparrow.
4. Man is much greater in value because of eternal soul. Gen 2:7

II. WHAT PURPOSE DO ANIMALS SERVE IN GOD'S CREATION?

PSA 8:4-8

PRO 12:10

EX 20:24

1. Animals are under man's dominion – rule, control, use, purpose. Ps 8:4-8
2. Animals were made for man's use & pleasure – all works of God's hand are for man. All things are under his feet. Ps 8:6
3. Entire animal kingdom is under man's feet – does not mean that man has the right to be cruel or to misuse. Pro 12:10 Man has the right to rule over, manage it for his purposes.
4. Animals were made to be used in Old Testament for sacrifices to God. Ex 20:24

III. IS IT RIGHT TO USE ANIMALS FOR FOOD?

GEN 9:3

EX 12:8

I KINGS 17:6

ACTS 10:10-13

LEV 10:9-14

1. From the time of Noah, GOD has intended for man to eat the flesh of animals. Gen 9:3
2. Israel ate flesh; Jesus ate meat; & the Passover meal was a lamb Ex 12:5-10
3. Peter was specifically told to eat meat by God. Acts 10:10-13 (kill and eat) All dietary restrictions were removed by God. He would not have done that if He was opposed to eating meat for food.
4. God commanded His people to eat flesh & provided it for the ministry. Lev 10:9-14
5. God fed Elijah by the hands of the ravens. I Kings 17:6

IV. IS IT WRONG TO EAT PORK AND CERTAIN OTHER FOODS?

ACTS 10:10-13

1 TIM 4:1-5

1. No. Those dietary restrictions were only for Israel to teach them separation from other nations & the difference between Holy & unholy. God removed all restrictions.
Acts 10:10-13
2. The Bible warns against those who promote vegetarianism.
1 Tim 4:1-5 (doctrine of devils)
3. Bible clearly teaches that animals were created to be eaten.
4. Not cruel to hunt animals for pleasure and food.
5. Not wrong to fish – not being cruel – that's what animals were created for.

V. IF I CHOOSE NOT TO EAT MEAT, IS THAT WRONG BEFORE GOD?

ROMANS 14:2, 3, 6

1. Christians are free to eat or not to eat.
2. Christians should eat what suits them best.
3. Must be careful not to make your conscience a law for others.

Animals and nature - Job 38 – 39

A good man takes care of his animals, but wicked men are cruel to theirs." Proverbs 12:10.

[Leviticus 11](#)

[Deuteronomy 14:3-21](#)

[Luke 5:1-9](#)

[1 Samuel 17:34-36](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:39](#) - All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fish, another of birds.

Why Were Animals Created?

The Bible gives many reasons, among the following:

1. For limited but inadequate companionship (Genesis 2:18-22 and **see 2 Samuel 12:3**). A dog may provide enjoyment and may walk at a man's side, but the dog was never intended to be "man's best friend." God intended a much better helper for man (Genesis 2:20-22). Indeed, man's greatest and best Companion is the Lord Himself.
2. For food (Genesis 9:2-3)
3. For clothing (Matthew 3:4)
4. For transportation (Genesis 22:3)
5. For sacrifice, in order to point to the one great Sacrifice and to illustrate that salvation is only possible by way of the shedding of blood (Gen. 4:4; Lev.1:3)
6. For judgment of sinful men (Exodus chapter 8; 2 Kings 2:23-24)

7. To serve man in a multitude of ways (Gen. 8:7-8; and compare some amazing uses of animals today, such as "seeing eye dogs" for the blind, animals used in experimentation so as to develop new drugs and medical procedures, etc.)
8. To teach men spiritual lessons (Proverbs 6:6)
9. To teach men of God's care (Matthew 6:26)
10. To give enjoyment to children (Isaiah 11:6,8)
11. To carry out orders from their Creator (1 Kings 17:6; Matthew 17:27)
12. To illustrate that "the Hand that made us is Divine" (every creature demonstrates that it was remarkably designed by the Creator and could never have evolved by chance). Every animal made by God is indisputable proof against the theory of evolution.

Sacrificial Animals

The following animals were used in sacrifice:

1) Cattle The bull (male) The cow (female) The calf (young cow or bull)	2) Goats The he-goat (male) The she-goat (female) The kid (young goat)
3) Sheep The ram (male sheep) The ewe (female sheep, pronounced like our word "YOU") The lamb (young sheep)	

BEASTS OF BURDEN

1. The Ass (Donkey)
2. The Camel

HORSES AND DOGS

WILD BEASTS

1. The Lion
2. The Wolf