

TALK TO THE ANIMALS
JOB 12:7-10

Introduction:

1. The wonderful lesson that Job is trying to teach his friends and us is to look at the animal kingdom to learn about the wisdom, power and tenderness of the God of creation.
2. To observe the Creator's hand and providence is to learn about His great love toward mankind.
3. Every created being, including mankind, is perfectly complete and attests to God's majesty.
4. Now none of us are Dr. Doolittle, but there are some important lessons we can learn as we "talk to the animals."

I. WE CAN LEARN THAT ALL OF GOD'S CREATURES HAVE VALUE.

Luke 12:6-7 *Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.*

- A. We must all be reminded from time to time of our extreme worth and importance to God.
- B. Man was created in the image and likeness of God and placed over the creation to cultivate and take care of it.
- C. There is not much value placed upon human life today. We see the violence and destruction of humans being slain by the hand of another human, we see the murder of babies across our nation under the guise of "birth control," and we even see people taking their own lives because their hope is lost. **Romans 1:18-19** *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ; 28-29* *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness...*
- D. We must understand that all lives matter, that all lives are important, and that all lives have value.
- E. The animals can teach us that humans are of much more value than they, in the sight of God.

II. WE CAN LEARN THAT MATERIALISM IS NOT THE ANSWER FOR LIFE'S PROBLEMS.

- A. We are living in the greatest materialistic time in the world's history.

- B. We have an abundance of things that our parents and grandparents never experienced.
- C. Even though we have much more than they, it seems man isn't happy and desires even more.
- D. Consider what the most prosperous man ever to live on this earth said about a materialistic society. **Ecclesiastes 2:1-11*****
- E. When we learn to live with what God has blessed us with, we will be a much happier individual. **1 Timothy 6:6-11*****

III. WE CAN LEARN TO BE HAPPY BECAUSE WE HAVE A GOD WHO BLESSES US WITH SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS EVERY DAY.

Ephesians 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ...*

- A. How many times have you seen a bird on a wire wringing its wings and looking sad and dejected?
- B. Humans worry about so many issues in life and most of their worries are unfounded and never come to pass. **Philippians 4:6-7** *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*
- C. If we can get it through our thick skulls that we shouldn't worry and be anxious about anything because God has it all under control, we will be a much happier person.
- D. When we're happier, our prayer life is going to change from a "woe is me" to a "praise you Jesus because you have blessed me with peace and a joyous heart and mind."

Conclusion:

1. Job had it right. Talk to the animals and listen to what they are saying, because we can learn a lot from them.
2. We can learn that we are valued by God, that spiritual blessings are far greater than materialism, and that we don't need to be worrying about anything because God has everything under control.