

Job #35 (38:39 - 39:)

Prov. 6:6; Matthew 10:29-31- We can learn about God from the animals

I. Let us Look at the Lions, Ravens and Mountain Goats

- A. V. 39 - God puts instinct in lion so they can hunt for their food
 - 1. Lion used for Christ, Satan & believer-I Pet. 5:8; Rev. 5:5; Prv. 28:1
 - 2. God allows animals to kill other animals for food - Ps. 104:21
 - 3. God will provide more for His people than animals-Ps. 34:10; I Co. 9:9
- B. V. 40- Satan will try to destroy us both by His power and His craft
 - 1. Genesis 3:1; 2 Cor. 2:11; John 8:44; I Cor. 10:12
- C. V. 41- Ravens are also fed by God - Luke 12:24; Ps. 147:9
- D. 39:1- Questions concerning the gestation period of mountain goats
 - 1. We are still in dark as to exact time of birth of any animal including man
 - 2. The main idea is that God is in control of all times - Psalm 31:15
 - a. Told Abraham how long descendants would be in Egypt-Gen.15:13
 - b. Told Daniel the exact time of appearance of Messiah- Dan. 9:24-27
 - 3. God also oversees all births- safety and health of mother/child
 - a. Psalm 28:9; I Timothy 2:15; Psalm 22:9, 10; Psalm 71:6

II. Let us Look at the Donkey, the Wild Ox and the Ostrich

- A. Vs. 5-8- God uses donkey to show He's in control of our place as well
 - 1. God appointed the nature of beasts- some to be tame- some wild
 - 2. This is also true of us- God sets our station-some to rule- some serve
 - a. To be able to run free is only the privilege of the donkey
 - 1. To be in some kind of yoke is good for man- Lam. 3:27
 - b. Wicked always trying to rid themselves of yoke- Ps. 2:2, 3; Jer. 5:5
 - c. Good to be free from slavery, but not service-I Cor. 7:21, 22
 - d. As believers we are called into yoke with Christ- Matt. 11:29, 30
 - 1. But free from law and sin-Act. 8:23; Gal 5:1; Romans 6:19
 - 3. God appoints some times in our life freer than others- John 21:18, 19
- B. V. 6- God fixes the dwelling for all beasts including man
 - 1. One place God has appointed is church-1 Tim. 3:15; Ps 27:4
 - a. And we can dwell safely in God- Ps. 90:1; Ps. 91:1, 2
- C. V. 9-Exact animal subject of speculation(Unicorn, buffalo, ox, rhino etc.)
 - 1. It is very strong beast that is not domesticated
 - a. Speaks of man in his pride- unwillingness to submit
 - 1. Matthew 22:3; Matthew 23:37; Luke 19:27
 - 2. It is difficult to change the nature of a beast - Ephesians 2:3
 - a. God must change our nature for us to submit- Ps. 110:3
- D. V. 11- Temptation is to put trust in things that are strong-I Cor. 1:27
- E. V. 13- Some have reference to peacock and ostrich- some only ostrich
 - 1. Ostrich has feathers and wings- but it is flightless
- F. V. 14, 15- Leaves eggs in ground -They could be damaged by others
 - 1. Ostrich illustrates mankind without natural affection- Rom. 1:31
- G. V. 16- Teaches us that we should be careful how we treat younger ones
 - 1. Matthew 18:6; Is. 40:11- and care for our own- I Tim. 5:8; John 1:11

III. Then ends by looking at Horse, the Hawk and Eagle (Vs. 19-30)

- A. V. 30- Quoted by Jesus in Matthew 24:28; His body- saints surround