

Heaven

Lesson #22 "Animals and the New Earth"

- Read chapters 39-40 and answer the following questions from pages 387-405.

Genesis 1:20-25 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. 24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

- 1) The description of animals peacefully living together on the earth in **Isaiah 11:6-9** happens when?
- 2) Based on what principle does Alcorn believe that animals will be in the New Earth?
- 3) What three things are animals not?
- 4) What does the covenant that God made with Noah reveal to us about animals?
- 5) What is the link between animals and humans in **Romans 8**?
- 6) "We should _____ the New Earth to be a _____ where we'll _____ our calling to be _____ rulers and _____ of animals."

7) “The New Earth is the new _____—Paradise _____, with the _____ of the first Adam _____, transformed into the _____ of the last Adam.”

8) Did Christ die for animals? Why or why not?

9) From **Romans 8:21-23** what does our resurrection bring?

10) What three things could God do regarding animals in the New Earth?

11) Why does Alcorn avoid the term ‘resurrection’ in reference to animals?

12) What can we assume will happen to animals on the New Earth?

Joni Eareckson Tada, “Heaven is going to be a place that will refract and reflect in as many ways as possible the goodness and joy of our great God, who delights in lavishing love to His children.”

Randy Alcorn, “Who made these endearing qualities in animals? God. Who made us to be touched by them? God. Do we love animals because of sin and the Curse? No. We love animals because God created us and them to love each other. We can turn people into idols, but it doesn’t mean it’s wrong to love people. The same is true of animals.”

John Wesley, “As man is deprived of his perfection, his loving obedience to God; so brutes (animals) are deprived of their perfection, their loving obedience to man.”