

## ***Will Animals Be In Heaven? Do They Have A Soul? What Does The Old Testament Have To Say?***

<b>Genesis 1:26-27</b>	All animals were created to be under man's subjection. This is evident in the fact that only humans are created in the "image" of God.
<b>Genesis 1:20-21</b>	The Hebrew word for soul is "nephish" and refers to the part of our being which lives on after physical death. The first chapter of Genesis not only proves that animals have a soul, but it also proves that plant life does not! There is a difference between animate and inanimate creation.
<b>Genesis 1:24</b>	And God said, "Let the earth bring forth souls of life according to its kind."
<b>Genesis 1:30</b>	All animals on the earth, in the air, and in the sea have a living soul. The same thing is repeated in <b>Genesis 2:7</b> . KJV gives word in footnote only.
<b>Genesis 2:18-19</b>	Each animal is called a "living creature" and Adam names them.
<b>Genesis 3:17</b>	The ground was cursed because of man, the animals are innocent.
<b>Genesis 6:17-19</b>	God chose to save His creation because he gave them a living soul.
<b>Genesis 7:15</b>	All the animals had flesh and the "breath of life" (soul/spirit) in them.
<b>Genesis 9:6</b>	God forbids the murder of humans because they are in His image.
<b>Genesis 9:9-11</b>	After the flood God re-established a covenant with man and animals.
<b>Numbers 22:21-34</b>	Balaam and his donkey are recorded for a reason. Why?
<b>Deuteronomy 5:12-15</b>	Even animals are commanded to observe the Sabbath day.
<b>II Kings 2:11</b>	Horses came from heaven to take Elijah to meet God.
<b>II Kings 6:17</b>	In Heaven God has horses that his vast armies ride.
<b>Psalms 16:10</b>	Those with a soul are delivered "Sheol" (realm of the dead).
<b>Psalms 36:6</b>	God will "preserve" both man and beast
<b>Psalms 50:10-11</b>	Every animal belongs to God and he knows them by name.
<b>Psalms 104</b>	Animals answer only to God for their actions.
<b>Psalms 145</b>	God loves all His creation and has made plans for all His children and the lesser creatures to enjoy His eternal Kingdom.
<b>Psalms 148</b>	God's creatures praise Him.
<b>Psalms 150</b>	God's creatures that have "breath" praise Him.
<b>Proverbs 12:10</b>	Righteous people are concerned about their pets.
<b>Ecclesiastes 3:10-17</b>	Solomon recognized that animals didn't have "eternity" in their hearts, because they weren't accountable for their mistakes.
<b>Ecclesiastes 3:18-20</b>	Solomon declares that there are some similarities between us.
<b>Ecclesiastes 3:21</b>	Solomon anticipated that we would struggle with this teaching.
<b>Isaiah 11:6-8</b>	In heaven the wolf and the lamb will live together, the leopard and the goat will lie together, and they will be led by a child. Harmony and unity will exist.
<b>Isaiah 55:12</b>	God cares when a sparrow falls.
<b>Isaiah 65:25</b>	The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox....They will not harm or destroy anything on God's holy mountain.
<b>Ezekiel 1:5-22</b>	The prophet continually sees visions of living creatures.
<b>Ezekiel 31:13</b>	The prophet hears the sounds of living creatures doing God's work.
<b>Hosea 2:8</b>	God proclaimed a covenant with the animals.
<b>Jonah 1-4</b>	God prepares the fish and the worm to do His will.
<b>Zechariah 14:20</b>	"Holy to the Lord" will be inscribed on the bells of the horses.

**Will Animals Be In Heaven? Do They Have A Soul? What Does The New Testament Have To Say?**

<b>Matthew 6:26</b>	God takes care of the animals.
<b>Matthew 19:26</b>	With God "all" things are possible.
<b>Luke 3:6</b>	All of creation will see the salvation of God.
<b>Acts 3:19-21</b>	God will restore all things like it was in the Garden of Eden.
<b>Romans 5:12</b>	Sin came on this earth through man, not through animals, they are innocent.
<b>Romans 5:15-16</b>	Only humans need to be reconciled to God.
<b>Romans 8:19</b>	All creation await Christ's return to redeem mankind. Why if life is over?
<b>Romans 8:21-22</b>	All of God's creation will be liberated, including the animals.
<b>Romans 8:38-39</b>	Nothing in creation could separate us from the love of God.
<b>I Corinthians 2:7-9</b>	No one has ever seen, heard, or known the facts anyway. Therefore, those who teach they have no soul are claiming they know all things like God.
<b>I Corinthians 15:51-54</b>	The dead will raise. All will see this resurrection.
<b>Ephesians 1:3-14</b>	Clearly the sacrifice of Christ is compared to the sacrifice of animals. Only Jesus' once-for-all sacrifice was sufficient, but animals did help in the salvation of man the same as men have a role in their own salvation. Even if it is a small part it is exemplary (see Hebrews and Revelation).
<b>Philippians 3:20-21</b>	God will subdue "all things" to Himself.
<b>Colossians 1:19-20</b>	God will reconcile "all things" to Himself through the blood of Jesus.
<b>Hebrews 2:8</b>	All things are in subjection to Him (see Colossians).
<b>James 1:18</b>	We are the first-fruits of God's creation.
<b>II Peter 3:13</b>	Animals will be a part of a new heaven and a new earth.
<b>Revelation 4:7-9</b>	Living creatures inhabit heaven.
<b>Revelation 5:6-13</b>	All creatures recognize Jesus as the Savior of the world and praise God.
<b>Revelation 6:1-6</b>	The "living creatures" can speak, but they are not angels.
<b>Revelation 6:1-17</b>	The horses and horsemen have a significant role in the seals being opened.
<b>Revelation 7:11</b>	The "living creatures" dwell in harmony with the elders on the thrones.
<b>Revelation 8:9</b>	1/3 of the living creatures of the sea die, but it's part of God's plan.
<b>Revelation 9:7-9</b>	God uses horses in fighting His battles..
<b>Revelation 19:11, 14</b>	Jesus is seen riding a white horse in heaven.
<b>Revelation 21:5</b>	All things are made new in heaven.

\* Please note that this is a work in progress. There are literally hundreds of other Scriptures that we need to study on this subject. I encourage you to add your own verses to this list and keep studying to rightly divide the Word of God! (**II Timothy 2:15**)