

"Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind..."

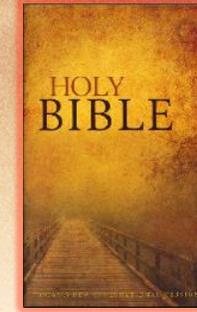
GENESIS 1:24, 25

LEARNING  LIVING

LESSONS FROM

 ANIMALS

Why so much written about animals?



why were
ANIMALS
created?

Redemption

EPHESIANS 1:7

Godly Living

2 Peter 1:3

NOT TO ABUSE BY:

- Killing them off – Gen. 10:8, 9
- Assigning animal rights – Gen. 9:2

"And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move *on* the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand."



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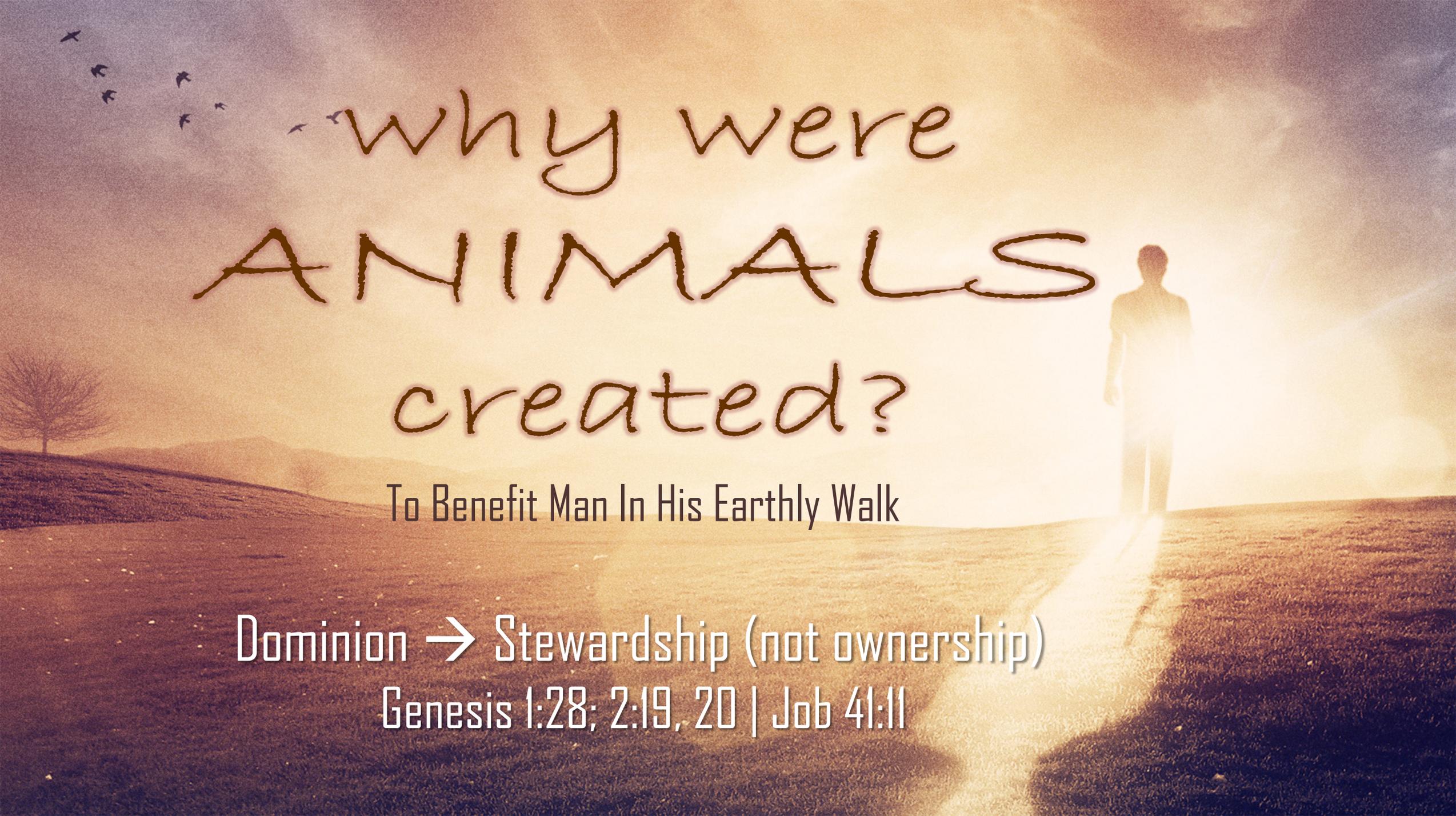
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- Practicing animal worship – Rom. 1:22, 23



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A person is walking away from the viewer on a dirt path that leads towards a bright, glowing light on the horizon. The scene is set in a field with rolling hills and a few trees in the distance. The sky is filled with a warm, golden light, and several birds are flying in the upper left corner. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

why were ANIMALS created?

To Benefit Man In His Earthly Walk

Dominion → Stewardship (not ownership)

Genesis 1:28; 2:19, 20 | Job 41:11

To Benefit Man In His Earthly Walk

1. **For food (with thanksgiving)** – Gen. 9:2-4; 1 Tim. 4:3-5
2. **For entertainment and pleasure** – 1 Kin. 10:22

10:22 "For the king had the merchant ships
merchant ships at sea came bringing gold,
with the fleet of Hiram. silver, ivory, apes, and
Once every three years monkeys"



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2 "The rich *man* had exceedingly many flocks and herds.

3 "But the poor *man* had nothing, except **one little ewe lamb** which he had bought and nourished;

and **it grew up together with him and with his children**. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; **and it was like a daughter to him**.

4. For comfort and company – 2 Sam. 12:3



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5. **For spiritual application** – 1 Cor. 9:9, 10; Job 12:7-10;
Heb. 10:3, 4



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JOB 12:7-10

7 But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; And
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;

8 Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; And the
fish of the sea will explain to you.

9 Who among all these does not know That the hand of
the LORD has done this,

10 In whose hand [is] the life of every living thing, And
the breath of all mankind?



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JOB 12:7-10

“Job maintains that, if appeal were made to the animal creation, and they were asked their position with respect to God, they would with one voice proclaim him their absolute Ruler and Director. And the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee. The instincts of birds, their periodical migrations, their inherited habits, are as wonderful as anything in the Divine economy of the universe, and as much imply God's continually directing hand.” –Pulpit



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JOB 12:4, 6

4 "I am one mocked by his friends, Who called on God, and He answered him, The just and blameless [who is] ridiculed.
6 The tents of robbers prosper, And those who provoke God are secure—In what God provides by His hand.

Contextually, living creatures teach a stronger point:

In this life, God does not deal directly with living creatures according to their character!

LUKE 6:35 | MATTHEW 5:45

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Why the
slaughter
of animals?

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"Then the king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices before the LORD. And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD, twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep..."

1 Kin. 8:63

"Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that *was* the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar."

1 Kings 3:4

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE THEN?

- 3 But in those *sacrifices* there is a reminder of sins every year.
- 4 For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.
- 5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.
- 6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin You had no pleasure.



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Hebrews 10

To show the **COST** and **MALIGNANCY** of sin!

Why the
slaughter
of animals?

1. Sin kills!
2. Sin kills innocent life!

"Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them." -Genesis 3:21

"For the wages of sin *is* death..." (Rom. 6:23)



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Animal
imperfect

Jesus
perfect

Genesis 3:21
Jonah 4:11



John 1:29
Isaiah 53:5-9
Hebrews 7:26, 27



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"And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin" (1 Jn. 3:5)

26 For you are all sons of God through
faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as were baptized
into Christ have **put on Christ**.

--Galatians 3:26, 27

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