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STRAW POLL



Dog People



Cat People



Horse People



Other

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ANIMALS ON THE NEW EARTH

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SCRIPTURE

- ❖ **ISAIAH 11:6-9**
- ❖ **GENESIS 9:9-11**
- ❖ **2 SAMUEL 12:1-3**
- ❖ **ROMANS 8:19-22**
- ❖ **MATTHEW 7:9-11**

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Will there be

ANIMALS

in Heaven, on the New Earth?

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NEW EARTH INHABITANTS

ISAIAH 11:6-9

⁶The **wolf** will dwell with the **lamb**, and the **leopard** will lie down with the **goat**. The **calf**, the young **lion**, and the fattened calf will be together, and a child will lead them. ⁷The **cow** and the **bear** will graze, their young ones will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like cattle. ⁸An infant will play beside the **cobra's** pit, and a toddler will put his hand into a snake's den. ⁹They will not harm or destroy each other on my entire holy mountain, for the land will be as full of the knowledge of the LORD as the sea is filled with water.

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What will be
DIFFERENT
about animals in Heaven?

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Why will animals be

DIFFERENT

in Heaven?

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EVERYTHING NEW

REVELATION 21:5

Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look, **I am making everything new.**"

- Does "**everything**" include animals?
- Jesus' emphasis isn't on making "new things" but on making "old things" new again.
- It's not about inventing the unfamiliar but about **restoring and enhancing** the familiar.

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What was a “**BRAND NEW**” animal like in Eden?

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PARADISE LOST

GENESIS 3:1

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’”

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1. What does the word “cunning” imply about the serpent in the Garden?
2. What do the words “most cunning” imply about other animals in the Garden of Eden?
3. What does “He said” imply about the Serpent?
4. What does the dialogue with Eve imply?

How would you feel if you had these abilities and lost them?

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Does God
LOVE ANIMALS,
as much as I do?

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GOD LOVES ANIMALS

Scripture portrays animals
as Earth's second most
important inhabitants.

PSALM 50:10-11

*"for every animal of the
forest is mine, the cattle on
a thousand hills. I know
every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the
field are mine."*

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GOD PROTECTED ANIMALS

GENESIS 9:9-11

⁹"Understand that I am establishing my covenant **with you and your descendants after you,**
¹⁰**and with every living creature that is with you**—birds, livestock, and all wildlife of the
 earth that are with you—all the animals of the earth that came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my
 covenant with you that never again will every creature be wiped out by floodwaters; there will
 never again be a flood to destroy the earth."

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GOD'S STEWARDS

Proverbs 12:10

*"The righteous cares about
 his animal's health, but even
 the merciful acts of the
 wicked are cruel."*

- ❖ God **saved animals from the flood** and included them in His covenant with Noah.
- ❖ He created and **entrusted them to us** to watch over and tend.
- ❖ He charged us with caring for animals, and He **holds us accountable** for how we treat them.

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God's affection for **ANIMALS** spills over to man?

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EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT

2 SAMUEL 12:1–3

¹So the LORD sent Nathan to David. When he arrived, he said to him: There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very large flocks and herds, ³but the poor man had nothing except one small ewe lamb that he had bought. He raised her, and she grew up with him and with his children. From his meager food she would eat, from his cup she would drink, and in his arms she would sleep. **She was like a daughter to him.**

**Emotional attachment to animals is not new,
Nathan spoke of it when challenging David.**

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So, will our beloved pets be
IN HEAVEN
with us?

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**SCRIPTURE
DOESN'T
SAY...**

❖ But we know that:

- The New Earth will be a **redeemed and renewed old Earth**, in which animals had a prominent role.
- People will be resurrected to inhabit the New Earth.
- The **suffering creation eagerly awaits deliverance** through humanity's resurrection.

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CREATION SET FREE

Christ's death
for humanity
also purchased
redemption
for Creation,
including
animals.

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ROMANS 8:19-22

¹⁹For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed. ²⁰For the **creation was subjected to futility**—not willingly, but because of him who subjected it—in the hope ²¹that the **creation itself will also be set free** from the bondage to decay into the glorious freedom of God's children. ²²For we know that **the whole creation has been groaning** together with labor pains until now.

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GIVER OF GOOD GIFTS

- Animals aren't nearly as valuable as people, but God is their Maker and has **touched many people's lives through them.**
- It would be simple for him to re-create a pet in Heaven if he wants to, He's **the giver of all good gifts**, not the taker of them.

MATTHEW 7:9-11

⁹Who among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him.**

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HOLINESS IN HIDDEN PLACES

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*"If God brings our pets back to life, it wouldn't surprise me. It would be just like Him. **It would be totally in keeping with His generous character.** Exorbitant. Excessive. Extravagant in grace after grace. Of all the dazzling discoveries and ecstatic pleasures heaven will hold for us, the potential of seeing Scrappy would be pure whimsy—utterly joyfully, surprisingly superfluous. . . . **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 on His children.**"*

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Are you like Fido,
eagerly waiting for
your Master's
return?

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- Animals are Earth's second most important inhabitants – God rescued them too.
- God loves animals and He entrusted them to us.
- Our relationships with animals are a significant part of our lives on the present Earth.
- In God's eternal Kingdom, man and animals will enjoy a redeemed Earth, together.
- If people will be smarter and more capable on the New Earth, animals might well be too.
- Both in the Fall (sin) and the rise (resurrection), as goes mankind, so goes creation.

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3. The Resurrection of Earth
4. The Resurrection of Believers
5. The Resurrection of our Deeds
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LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY

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