

Sermon Notes: 1.2.22
CREATURES: Animals

BIG IDEA: Humans should exercise dominion of animals humanely.

How should we view animals?

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

What makes us different?

What does our human dominion mean?

...what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. Psalm 8:5-8

Does God value animals?

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Matthew 6:26

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows. Luke 12:6-7

"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image." Genesis 9:6

Do animals have rights?

Does God mistreat or abuse His creation?

Whoever is righteous has regard for the life of his beast.... Proverbs 12:10

"Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! Matthew 12:11-12

So if we're to care for livestock does that mean we shouldn't be killing & eating them?

We can hunt animals for food, but what about for sport?

What about using animals for research?

So is joining PETA something to consider?

Do animals sin?

Do animals go to heaven?

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