

Communion Meditation

Genesis 9.1-6 Pet Food August 27th, 2017

“1,234 Quite Interesting Facts”

- 150 billion animals killed each year by humans – “Can I trust number?”
 - 2008 – Americans ate 9.1 billion chickens (pigs, cows, fish, shrimp)

Man is the Pinnacle of Creation

- God created everything on earth ~ plants, animals, man
 - Many refer to man as an animal – but Scripture doesn't
- God explicitly gave man rule over creation in **Gen 1** and **9**
 - Initially mankind's food was limited to plants (**Gen 1.29-30**)
 - But expanded ~ **v3** ~ “Every moving thing that lives shall be food”

Some Seek Rights for Animals

- These aren't property rights humans exercise over animals
- Animal activist Emily – Web site “[bitesizevegan](#)”
 - Contrasts deaths of soldiers or war victims with animal deaths
 - Chickens, cows, pigs, goats, fish, silkworms, bees
 - Fish ~ “2.7 trillion more fish killed every year than humans have existed”
 - Bees ~ “1 to 6.5 trillion bees enslaved on farms at any given moment”
 - “It's on you to step up and go vegan as fast as you possibly can.”

Scriptural Bounds on How to View Animals

- Christians ought to know better than to buy into this level of animal activism
- “But do we go too far the other way?”
- **Read 2 Sam 12.1-6** ~ “Then the Lord .. he had no pity.”
 - God used this parable to awaken David to his sin c/Bathsheba and Uriah
 - Note centrality of lamb / lamb is property / But also a beloved pet
 - The rich man was cruel to do as he'd done / But he need only recompense

Humans are not animals ~ Animals are not human

But man is to care for animals

Prov 12.10 ~ “A righteous man has regard for the life of his animal”

Deut 25.4 ~ “You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing”

Scripture must inform our consciences ~ define right/wrong and judge behavior