

# THE PUPOSE OF DOGS & OTHER ANIMALS

God included the animals in His covenant with Noah. In fact, each of the seven times He spoke of His covenant with Noah, He also included the animals.

*"I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth that is with you, as many as came out of the ark... When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth. **Genesis 9:9-10, 16-17, (NRSV)***

*"But someone may ask, "How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?" What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first. And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. Then God gives it the new body he wants it to have. A different plant grows from each kind of seed. Similarly there are different kinds of flesh- one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever.*

**1 Corinthians 15:35-42**

*"...the lesser creatures await Christ's return to redeem the sons of God so **they too**, will be released from physical death to eternal life. **Romans 8:19 (KJV)***

*"And every creature which is in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*

**Revelations 5:13 (KJV)**



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*"You have only to ask the cattle, for them to instruct you, and the birds of the sky, for them to inform you. The creeping things of earth will give you lessons, and the fish of the sea provide you an explanation; there is not one such creature but will know that the hand of God has arranged things like this! In his hand is the soul of every living thing and the breath of every human being! Job 12:7-10*

*"I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. For all forest creatures are mine already, the animals on the mountains in their thousands. I know every bird in the air, whatever moves in the fields is mine. Psalm 50:9-11*

*"...And who gives food to every creature. His love endures forever."  
Psalm 136:25*

*"Man's fate is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath, man has no advantage over the animal. Ecclesiastes 3:19-21*

*"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before god. Luke 12:6*

*"Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds... **you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.** Psalm 36:5-6*



## PART TWO

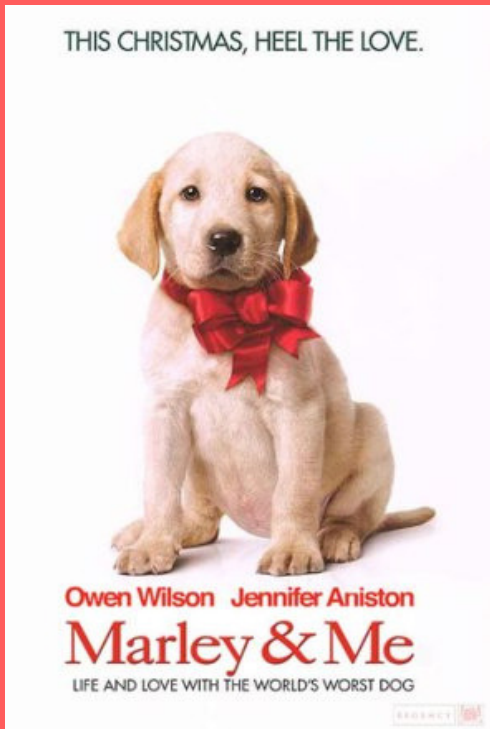
**Do Animals Sin?**

**Do Animals Have Souls?**

**Would It Be Heaven Without Animals?**

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Pastor Gene's favorite movie about dogs.



"MARLEY & ME"



Pastor Gene's favorite song about dogs.



"The Puppy Song"  
by Harry Nilsson

Pastor Tim's Book Recommendation



"Four Paws From Heaven"  
by M.R. Wells