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VARIOUS PASSAGES

Truth is, deep down many if not most people have some fondness for an animal. Americans treat their pets with a lot of care, attention and cost. So to this creaturely kingdom we turn today on Creation Sunday 2014.

THE STATUS OF ANIMALS

① The _____ of Animals

It's kind of incredible how many _____ animals are identified in the Bible!

Consider this rather glossed over fact in Genesis: God spared _____ in the ark, but how many did he spare from the _____?

② The _____ Plan for Animals

On the sixth day of creation, God issued a biblical mandate to Adam and Eve to rule over all creation (Genesis 1:28).

Man was installed as God's _____ of all things on this planet.

The use of the word “_____” does not in any way suggest passivity or apathy in this instruction.

Blessing from God linked itself to _____ from man in this endeavor.

③ The _____ Plan for Animals

The depravity of man has _____ the plan of God (Romans 1:21-23).

Has the _____ supplanted man as the object of God's favor? Has the _____ now been extended a soul? Did Jesus pour out His blood on a cross for _____?

This is what happens when sin enters the picture. It distorts creation and God's perfect plan for it.

④ The _____ Plan About Animals

Animals can teach us quite a bit about life and how we are to respond to it.

_____ receive more attention than any other animal in the Bible and so it is not surprising that such terminology weaves itself into scripture (Isaiah 53:6; Psalm 23:1-2)

CONCLUSION

Praise God that even though man has perverted the status of animals, God uses it to bring insight and wisdom into the lives of His people.

Yes, even when we mess up the plan, God has a better plan. No, Christ didn't die for _____ but He did offer Himself up as a sinless Lamb to die for man's sin.

May God cause us to be humble followers of Him who first look above, but can also look around to learn some valuable object lessons about life.