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LAMB or LION? - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2006/9/19 11:59

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Re: LAMB or LION? - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2006/9/19 12:29

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I can totally relate.

Re: LAMB or LION?, on: 2006/9/19 12:45

He was a Lamb mainly from the standpoint of being sacrificed for our sin's.

He was a lion mainly that he proclaimed the whole counsel of God to men and he was no respecter of persons.

We are called to be wise as serpents, gentle as doves. Yea for me the gentle as a dove can be a challenge and I'm only about half as wise as a serpent sometimes.

But alas we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!! God bless, John

Re: lamb, dove, snake, lion.... - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/9/19 12:50

Another great thought, Christian.

I know for sure that we are called to be as lambs (sheep) "For YOUR sake we are face death all day long. We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." Rom. 8:36

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Really? Should we be different in our house than outside our house? I fear that's what some believe. When evangelizing they treat the pagans much more harshly than they treat their spouses or children.

But, yea, we can be quite lionish with our kids and loved ones. (To our shame!)

Can a lamb not bleat - ie talk -- ie speak the truth of the gospel and still remain lambish?

Here's some more animal imagery:

"Be as shrewd as snakes, but as innocent as doves." Mtt 10:16

Go ahead, be like a snake, but like a lion? "... mmmmmmmm, well, if you insist. But I might run away and hide.

Diane

Re: - posted by Chi, on: 2006/9/19 13:35

la He was called and is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah -- and he was and is the Lamb of God, the Lamb because he was the perfect sacrifice, with no blemishes and no spots, free of sin.

Lion when speaking truth Lion when angry and lamb when facing the cross.

Wise as a serpent and gentle as a dove.

king of the who? - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/9/19 17:38

sis diane

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as an African i always wonder why westerners (or at least most i have encountered) think the lion is the king of the jungle. the tiger is actually the king of the jungle since it is his natural habitat. lions live mainly in grassland plains and sometimes semi-arid to arid areas and on the edge of deserts. the lion however is the king of beasts, even over the tiger. :-P :

smart:

enough zoology trivia.

perhaps to be as a lion which shows the royalty of God has little to do with anger. i'm a creation buff (don't do nature, it takes attention away from God's creative hand...) so in watching all these shows and seeing a lion or two i've observed that they are rarely angry. when they defend what is theirs they rarely have to come to blows (so to speak) most of the time a roar from one of the males is enough to dissuade most would-be threats. unless a solitary lion is found sick and wounded, no other animal will fool with it. it seems to me lions have no enemies, every other animal naturally gives them wide berth simply because they are lions. perhaps from a Christian standpoint what we ought to show forth is the royalty of God and the might of that testimony will dissuade any would-be threats to the gospel? perhaps if we did the things we ought to do, people would take us more seriously?

just a thought

Re: king of the who? - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/9/19 17:56

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Well said, Ironman

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2006/9/19 23:20

well i know that from watching nature programs....that when the lion roars you can hear it very long distances, no other animal can roar that high, and i know no animal drives off the lion from its territory, i think this verse is strange and mysteios, it shows both natures....but its like ohh look a lion! and i saw a lamb...

Rev 5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

Rev 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Rev 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

christian

Re: get the truth from the source! - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/9/20 8:03

Quote:
-----when the lion roars you can hear it very long distances,

this would be quite consistent with our Lord. His roar covers the earth! It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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country are you from?

Diane

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/9/20 11:00

hey sis Diane

Quote:

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that's right, their very presence is simply enough to dissuade any would-be attacker and so in the wild they are given wide berth, except by people who film them! :-P

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oh ok now i see, it is from fables you got this info. i'm from Zimbabwe and i remember always having a fascination with animals from when i was young. i found myself reading encyclopaedias and learning all sorts of info on animals. i feel God placed that inquisitiveness in me for His own purposes. i am fascinated by creation in that through it the invisible qualities of God are revealed as Paul writes in Romans. all of a sudden that scripture comes alive. in this instance God's simply being God is enough to convict anyone, the lion need not roar to keep other animals away, they know to give them wide berth, but when he does, who shall not fear? you know when you mentioned about authenticity especially as it pertains to spiritual things, the heaviness of that is coming into view. for the most part we are content to accept whatever from whoever without checking with the Master first. i pray our Lord teach us diligence in that regard so we do not go astray. AMEN.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/9/20 12:11

sis Mamaluk

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indeed it is as are many many other attributes of God, the least of which are not the Holiness, Righteousness and Justice of God. Somehow it seems (like someone here said some time ago, don't remember who now) but we have lost our fascination with God so we have substituted Him with a lot of our own stuff, God help us!

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/9/20 12:32

bro Christian

indeed our Lord is both the Lion and the Lamb. the Lion in that He is appointed of the Father to rule in all things, the Lamb of God in that He was slain for our sins. This speaks to the manifold attributes of God which come forth to glorify Himself and they benefit us who are called by His name. These manifold attributes of God speak to the total sufficiency of God for us in ALL things, we see here His hand in salvation (the Lamb who is the only one worthy to open the scroll) because we can't save ourselves, then also we see His ruling Authority (in the Lion) which speaks to His own worthiness to Rule and our own inability and unworthiness to rule (which should dissuade us from thinking that we can rule anything effectively).

brethren these are but the beginnings of the depths of God...let us find ourselves desiring for and seeking after the depths of God. AMEN.

Re: a different world-view - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/9/20 12:57

Ironman, Being thoroughly westernized, I most sincerely value the input of those like you who can see another world-view. I'll be on the lookout for more nature lessons from you!

Nature is fascinating – I call it God's picture book of heaven. (I will be posting more about that in my Heaven thread.)

Diane