

HAWK



Hawks are birds of prey - that is, they live by killing small birds and ground animals to eat. Hawks live in cities and in the country but are most easily found around open spaces where they can see their prey such as fields or parks. Hawks hunt their prey

from the air and from a direction in which it is hard to see them. Hawks dive on the animals they hunt and kill them quickly. They are very good hunters.

As dangerous as they are to birds and small animals, hawks can be chased away. Crows will work alone or in groups to chase a hawk away from where they are. Even small birds such as sparrows will gang up on a hawk and chase it away if it hunts in the area where the sparrows have set up their nests.

What can we learn from God's creation of the hawk?

The hawk teaches us to always be watchful of Satan's attempts to pull us away from Jesus. Just as the hawk will sneak up on the animal it is hunting from a direction where it cannot be easily seen, Satan also sneaks up on us in ways we do not expect. Satan wants to steal our faith from us so that we will lose our salvation. The Bible teaches us in 2nd Corinthians 11:14 that Satan tries to fool us by acting like an angel of God, "Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light." The Bible also

teaches us in 1st Peter 5:8, "Be self controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." Just like birds and small animals must be alert for hawks, we must be alert for the evil ways of Satan who wants to pull us away from Jesus. Jesus tells us in Matthew 26:41, "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

The Bible also teaches us that we must always be watchful of our lives and faith so that when Jesus returns He will find us ready for Him. We are to live the way the Bible teaches us so that we will always be found doing God's will. Jesus tells us in Matthew 24: 42, "Keep watch because you do not know on what day your Lord will come." Jesus says in Luke 12:37, "It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes." Just as birds and small animals always keep watch for hawks so that they are ready when one comes, we are to keep watch for the return of Jesus so that He will find us obeying his teachings that we read in the Bible.

Another lesson we learn from the hawk is that faith and courage can overcome our enemies. Crows and sparrows can chase away a hawk if they have faith in their ability and the courage to stand up to their enemy. If we have faith in Jesus and the courage to do as He teaches us in the Bible, we can beat our enemy who is Satan. The Bible teaches us in Philipians 4:13, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." With faith in Jesus we will win the fight against Satan as we learn in 1st Corinthians 15:57, "Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Jesus lived a perfect life and then sacrificed His life on the cross to save us from our sins. Jesus will never let us be taken away from him. The love of God is so strong that nothing can make God stop loving us. The Bible teaches us in Romans 8:37-39, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future nor any powers, neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be

able to separate us from the love of God that is Christ Jesus our Lord."

There are some very good lessons to be learned from the hawk and the animals it hunts.

