

## From The Beast To The Least

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I'd like to talk to you about the purpose of your life. It's something that so few people understand. One day, when you figure out your purpose, all of a sudden you'll know why you're waking up every day, and what goal you're trying to reach before you leave this world. Every one of us is leaving this world. There is no doubt about that. But it's not *when* you're leaving, the question is *how* you're leaving. What are you leaving behind, and what will your record be at The Great Judgment Day when you will stand face to face with Yahshua Jesus, our Messiah?

The Bible says that you'll give an account for every idle word. What does that mean for you personally? Why does it matter? If the old understanding of the Christian faith is that all we have to do is accept Christ in our heart and get saved, if that's the case, what is the point of even knowing our purpose? It seems salvation is our purpose, but as you begin to study the Word of Yahweh more in depth, you are going to find out that salvation is really not the purpose of your life. The purpose of your life is going to be discovered in this lesson that we're about to dive into, and I really pray that you will study along with me.

I'm going to go to the book of Isaiah, chapter sixty-five, and when we get there we find an interesting scripture from the prophet Isaiah.

**Isayah 65:24-25 24 It will come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together, the lion will eat straw, like the ox, and dust *will be* the serpent's food. They will not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain: says Yahweh.**

What a beautiful scripture. It sounds like poetic language. Contained within that verse is the purpose of your life. If that doesn't make sense to you, it will when we're done with this lesson today. Your life has a purpose. This particular verse where Isaiah is saying that the lion and the lamb would lay down together, and that the lion would eat straw just like the ox, is a picture of the future. There's coming a day called the Millennial Reign of Yahshua Jesus, when He will establish His Kingdom here on Earth. At that time, even the animals will be at

perfect peace. The Bible said that the beast, the lion, will become just like the lamb. That's interesting.

In the book of Daniel, chapter seventeen, we read a story about world empires. We are not going to read it now, but you can read it for yourself, and it tells us that these empires would rise up after the Babylonian Empire falls. Each empire, interestingly enough, is depicted by an animal, a beast; some type of ravenous creature. And every one of these creatures, these empires are represented by. They are not what we would call gentle beasts. They're predatory. The beast, the lion Babylon is represented by a winged lion. Persia is represented by a grizzly bear. Greece is represented by a ravenous leopard, and Rome has a nameless beast, but it has teeth like iron and feet like iron. Ravenous animals represent the kingdoms of this world.

In Daniel chapter four, verse twenty-five, if you read it with me, you are going to find some interesting scriptures. We find out about Nebuchadnezzar who is the king of the Empire called Babylon.

**Daniyl 4:25 You will be driven away from among men, and your dwelling will be with the beasts of the field. They will make you eat grass like the oxen, they will bathe you with the dew of heaven, and seven times; years, will pass over you until you know that Yahweh rules in the kingdom of men! And gives it to whomever He will!**

Nebuchadnezzar was an arrogant man, a lot like a predatory animal. The Bible said that because of that arrogance, Yahweh was going to send him to live out there with the animals. *You want to be an animal? Good; I'll let you live with those animals, and instead of being a man of dignity and honor, you will go live with the beasts of the field that you are turning into.* That is whenever we read that seven times will pass over him, and he would eat grass.

Isaiah chapter forty, verse six tells us that all men, all of Yahweh's creatures that are not begotten by the Spirit of Yahweh, every one of them is like grass.

**Isaiah 40:6 The voice said: Cry. And he said; What will I cry? All flesh is like the grass, and all the comeliness of it is like the flowers of the field.**

All flesh is grass. Now think about that. The flesh, mankind, in the picture that we're drawing, is the field. What do the beasts of the field do with the grass? They consume the grass, and that's what they do to mankind. The kingdoms of this world would be the beasts that would consume the grass. Who is the grass? Mankind. The Empire of Rome in 476 A.D., and then the religious Empire of the Vatican, they are called an animal with teeth of iron and feet of iron. Do you know why that is? Because every beast that I've just told you about, all operate with one thing in mind: self interest. Every beast that we have just seen: the bear, the leopard, the lion; every one of them are predatory. All they think about is who or what they're going to destroy next, and that is the sad legacy of the kingdoms of the world.

They'll start off as a small nation, and then become an empire by devouring everything in their path. The kingdoms of this world are just like those animals. However, at the end of the age, we're told in Daniel 7:27, that Yahweh, God, is going to replace all of those beastly systems with something brand new; something the world has never seen before. Right now in the whole world, we are living among animals. We're living among the beasts. The kingdoms of this world are not like the Kingdom of our God. That kingdom that is coming, will be a kingdom of love, and not self interest. It is proven by the fact that the King of that Coming Kingdom—His Name is Yahshua Messiah—came to Earth two-thousand years ago to give us a foresight of what His Kingdom was going to be like.

His Kingdom is not of this world, or of this arrangement of beasts; animals, predatory animals. He said, "My Kingdom is not of this world." In other words, there is an arrangement in this world of beastly governments, beastly nature that runs through the whole world.

**Psalms 73:22 We were stupid fools without understanding! We became like the beasts in front of You!**

Brothers and sisters, the animals that once represented kingdoms, now represent mankind itself, because mankind has become what the Bible calls *brute beasts*: self interest. All they care about is themselves. They wake up every morning and their agenda today is, *How do I devour? How do I get ahead of those who are trying to devour me? How do I climb the corporate ladder and pull a few people down on my way, so that I can get where they are?*

But the Kingdom of Yahweh that is coming is based on love. It's characterized by love. When you look at these predatory beasts in the book of Daniel, notice what they have. They have eyes, the Bible said, in the front, but their prey have eyes on the side. Why is that? Because the predators are always looking for who they can destroy, while the prey have eyes on the side trying to protect themselves from being destroyed. I'm giving you the story of mankind. Since you were born as a little girl or a little boy, you have been taught the way of the beast. You have been taught: *Accomplish this; accomplish that. Reach the upper echelon of success. Go for the greatest heights that you can reach.* That is what you were taught all your life. If anybody gets in your way, what do you do? You become that predator, you become that beast that must make it to the top.

Every day you wake up, do you know the only thing that you're thinking about? *What am I going to eat today?* Why? You must survive; you're an animal. You must survive, correct? You don't wake up thinking, *Who can I feed today?* You're a predator. You don't wake up thinking, *Who can I lend a helping hand to today?* Why? That's against your nature. That is against the beastly predatory nature that you were born with. It's in your blood; to be an animal is in your blood. The only way that you can change this nature of *you first*, is you must be begotten again by the Spirit of Yahweh, or by the Holy Spirit. Otherwise, you will remain until the day you die, a competitive animal. All of your life will be spent trying to get ahead. All of your life will be spent waiting for your next victory.

The Age to Come; the Kingdom of Yahweh that is coming, that it talks about in Revelation chapter two, verse six, it's coming to change the world. It's coming to take those beastly empires and destroy them once and for all. For one-thousand years, the Kingdom of Yahweh will be established in a town near you. There will be a representative—a proxy—of our King, Yahshua, in your town and they will be there to do what? To transform this world and restore it back to how it was in the Garden of Eden. There were no predatory beasts in the Garden of Eden. They were eating grass, they were eating from the earth; they were eating from the fruit of the vine. They weren't killing and destroying one another. Isaiah said that they will never again kill one another or destroy in *All My holy mountain*, or in all My Holy Government.

In the Old Testament, I want to read to you in Exodus 23:29 what Yahweh said about His people, Israel.

**Exodus 23:29-30 29 But I will not drive them from before you in a single year, because the land would become desolate, and the wild animals too numerous for you. 30 Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land.**

That's the way the Millennial Reign will be, like in the old days; it will be repeated. In the Millennial Reign when Yahshua sets up His Kingdom here on Earth, it will not be overnight that these predatory beast natures will be destroyed. It said in the Bible that the nations of this world would turn their weapons towards Yahshua because these predatory beasts will be so angry. But little by little, just like He did in the Old Testament, He tells them, *You're going to take the land but you're not doing it in an instant.* No, no, no. It's going to take time to drive that competitive mindset out of mankind. It's going to take a while of them learning to be broken, so that they can become like the animal that represents the Kingdom of Yahweh.

What represented the kingdoms of men? The bear, the lion, the leopard, and that unnamed animal with teeth of iron. But do you know the animal that represents the Kingdom of Yahweh? The Lamb. According to Isaiah, until all of those other animals lay down with the Lamb, self interest will remain. Now you know the meaning of that verse, the lion will lay down with the lamb. That is why John the Revelator when he said, "Behold, I looked on Mount Zion and there was the Lamb standing on the government of Zion." But he said, "Wait a minute; I looked and I didn't just see that Lamb, oh no, I saw one hundred and forty-four thousand other lambs on Mount Zion." Now, do you know what the scripture means when it says that the lion will have to come and lay down with the lamb. It's because of the nature of the Lamb.

Who are those 144,000? They are the ones who started out in their life as a lion, as a leopard; running so fast and trying to outrun their troubles, outrun the law. They were running and never getting anywhere; just running. And then, the bear, the destroyer. All of those lambs on Mount Zion, do you know who they were? They were the beasts of this world until what happened? I'll tell you what happened when a man by the name of Yahshua Messiah was born of a young woman, and came to this world and laid down His beastly nature. That's right. The Bible said Yahshua had to learn how to obey. He spent thirty years learning that. If you don't believe what I'm telling you, then why was He in the Garden of

Gethsemane praying, *Father, I don't want to do this; please!* That old nature was still trying to make Him a survivor.

You must move out of your survivor mentality. You must move from the law of the jungle. *What is my alternative, Pastor Vaughn? I've got to survive.* I'll tell you your alternative. Some men abide by the law of the jungle. Do you know what that law is? It's *Get or Be Gotten; Eat or Be Eaten.* That's the law of the jungle. But one day, you'll move into the Law of Faith, where you will say, *The Lord is my salvation. Whom shall I fear? My steps are ordered by the Lord. I don't have to stay in this jungle anymore. I don't have to be my own god. I can hide under the shadow of the Almighty of the Shepherd.* But if you choose to do that, you're going to have to become a little, weak sheep. That's why the Bible said, *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

Did you hear what I just said? All of these people coming to govern in the Millennial, every single one of them have had to become *the meek*, or they cannot inherit the earth. The earth is their inheritance, and they're coming to establish this new kingdom of sheep. They're bringing in a mentality that says, *You can trust in the Lord with all thine heart; lean not to thine own understanding, but in all of your ways, acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.* You won't even have to wake up tomorrow wondering what you are going to eat. No, you will be saying, *Father, I thank you for every meal provided, because You are my provider.* You will spend your entire life fighting this lamb spirit that will try to take over you.

When you decide to accept Yahshua in your life, and you're baptized in His Name, and you receive the Holy Spirit, guess what moves inside of you? A little lamb; a new way of thinking: dependence, obedience; no agenda except obedience. As that little lamb begins to grow in you, it will begin to pop out; you'll work out your own salvation from what's already inside. You'll begin to work it out; you'll feel it coming out. All of a sudden, you don't have that same mouth on you that you used to have, to tell everybody off. You don't have that same knee jerk reaction that animals have. You don't have to have every woman in town like a dog does. Why? There is a Lamb that is growing in you, and He is destroying—without you doing anything—the bear in you, the leopard in you, the lion in you that was born in your bloodline. And you must learn that one day if you plan to be in the Kingdom of Yahweh, which is the purpose of your life.

The purpose of your life is not to die and go to heaven and live in all eternity with nothing to do. That's called retirement, and nobody is retiring in the Lord's army. No, no, no. When you wake up at the first resurrection, that's when your job begins. For a thousand years, you will be part of that Lamb Government, and you will become like Him. Instead of accepting Christ as your Savior, before you know it, you've turned into Christ. You have become another lamb. That's why we keep Passover every year. Because all the lambs come back together, every year. All of them, to present themselves once again with the Lamb on Mount Zion. That is what your life is all about. One day, whenever you finally understand that, you can take those old animals that live in you, and they will surrender to the Lamb.

**Deuteronomy 28:26 Your carcasses will be food for all the birds of the air, and the beasts of the earth; and there will be no one to frighten them away.**

Brothers and sisters, all your life you have been food for other animals. So much so, that you became what you despised. They ate you, and now you eat them back. They got you, you get them back. That's the old principle. You want people to respect you, but yet, when you become a lamb you don't care if nobody respects you. Why? No one respected Him. Yahshua didn't go around saying, *Oh, you're going to respect Me. You're going to.* The problem we have in the Christian Church is that everyone wants to accept a Christ that they refuse to become, and in so doing, you live a defeated life with no authority with Yahweh. Only lambs have authority with Yahweh, and one day, your lion self is going to lay down and turn into a lamb. It's happening to many of you as I speak to you.

It's been happening to me for a long time. That is your destiny in life! You say, *Is that my destiny just to lay down and let people walk over me?* No, no, no. To lay down and trust that the Shepherd will never let anyone walk over you. To trust that *Vengeance is Mine, sayeth the Lord.* Your shepherd will get every wolf that tries to attack you. When you get to that place in your life, it doesn't matter what people say about you, what people do to you. Why? Because you don't even recognize your old self. The apostle Paul said plainly that you have become like brute beasts or mere men. You're just among those beastly elements of the world.

**Psalms 8: 6-7 6 You made man to be the ruler over the works of Your hands; You will put all things under his feet; 7 All sheep and oxen; yes, all the beasts of the field;**

Every beast of the field is going to come under the feet of Yahshua Messiah, and His anointed are His brothers, the sons of Yahweh. When you get this lamb nature, all of a sudden the Ten Commandments become the Ten Promises. Instead of *You shall not steal*, all of sudden, because you're a lamb, and you cannot steal. *You Shall Not* is a *promise* to you when you come into that lamb mentality. It's no longer a command; it's a promise. The lion steals, the lamb doesn't. The lion destroys. The lion bears false witness on his neighbor. The lamb doesn't. Under the New Covenant, you will not steal while your heart is being transformed by the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

*How do I know when I'm changing? How do I know when I'm moving into that destiny for my life?* Listen to me. You were born a lion, to die a lamb. If you do that, you'll come up a lion, but it will be the right kind. Yahweh wants you to find the purpose of your life today; trusting in Him with *all of thine heart*. *Lean not to thine understanding*. Do you understand me? *Trust in Me*. Give up your agenda and surrender. He gave us some ways to do that. Here's how you know that you're changing. The fourth Commandment says, *Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy*. Lions, and bears, and grizzlies, and leopards don't like the Sabbath Day. Do you know why? They like their weekends. They like to go fishing; they like to go to their sports games. That's *their* weekend.

When you become a lamb, you give up what is yours as a sign to Him that you're changing. You're transforming. Another one: you're tithing. Do you know what all animals love? They love their money. They love to look at their bank account and see how it's growing; how they're getting ahead. But one day, when you reach in and take the first part of that money and give it away to an invisible-to-our-eyes God, all of a sudden, guess what's changing in you? That *I must be first* mentality. That's what the Sabbath is all about. That's what the tithe is about. Do you think Yahweh needs your money? No, He needs to see the change in you by your actions. When you give up your Sabbath Day—the seventh day of the week, which is Saturday—and make it holy; when you give up that day unto the Lord and you get your family and bring them under the tutelage of a man of Yahweh and hit that reset button and stop your work, guess what you just did lion or bear or leopard? You quit running. You Stopped and put Him FIRST in all things; Him, First.



When you give your finances away, you are changing. Lions don't give anything away. Lions give nothing. They don't give anything away unless it's going to benefit them. But when you become a tither, when you become a Sabbath keeper; that will begin the process of the change. You don't care what you had planned, the day belongs to Him. You don't care what you had planned with that money. If there is not enough after the ten percent, you just have to make more. Why? You're changing. And then, when you begin to do that, next you'll find yourself beginning to help those in need. All of a sudden you will get more joy out of giving your money away, than receiving it. Ladies and gentlemen, lions can't do that. Lambs can, because they see a Shepherd over there Who's going to feed them tomorrow. Their trust is in the Lord. The purpose of your life is to learn to trust in the Lord, to not lean upon your own understanding. That's going to be the destiny of your life.

Many of you won't make it to that. That's okay; Yahweh has a plan for you, too. It's just not going to be to rule and reign with Yahshua in His Kingdom. Because the only ones who can rule and reign with Him in the future, are those who have ruled themselves. The evidence of your future is in your present. I want you to wake up tomorrow for a reason, and I want you to look in the mirror every night and see a man or woman who is changing right before your very eyes. All of a sudden, you don't have to get back at anybody. You don't have to gossip with anybody. Animals gossip, lambs pray. Lambs bring it to the Lord. So today, as I tell you goodbye, never forget the purpose of your life is these words: *From a Beast to the Least.*

Do you understand now why Yahshua said, *If any shall be great among you, he must first become the least?* Here at First Harvest Ministries, at our headquarters in Waveland, Mississippi, many people move here to live among us and to be among us. They are very surprised to find the very lesson we teach here is to become the least; become a servant to everyone else here. Why do we teach that lesson first? Because, that's the greatest of them all. Lambs serve. Beasts don't. So today, I pray that you can go from being a beast, to the very least.

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