The Bible declares God's pleasure in His creation and His care for all the created things on the earth - both plants and animals. God has given man the task of caring for and protecting His creation on the earth. The Bible says that those who destroy God's creation will be judged and destroyed themselves. Therefore, the Bible encourages wise stewardship of the earth, its resources, and its creatures. (Genesis 1:21) God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:25). God's own care for His animal creation is seen throughout the Bible. First, He rescued animal species along with the human race from the great flood, and later Jesus, who was born in the company of creatures, proclaimed that not one sparrow falls to the ground apart from the Father (Matthew 10:29). While temporary permission is granted to eat animals, in both Eden and the new earth this is not the case. Likewise, God's standard for our treatment of animals is readily apparent. The Bible says, unequivocally, that "the righteous care for the needs of their
animals" (Proverbs 12:10).