

Interview with an Eagle

CHARACTERS: Vontrice and eagle

RUN TIME: 4-5 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: 1 Corinthians 11:1, 2 Corinthians 4: 18, 5:7, John 20:29, Psalms 103:5, Deuteronomy 32

FK Reading level 5.5

VONTRICE: Welcome to Animal World. I'm Vontrice Veterinarian, the host of this show. On every show we examine the wonders of God creation in the world of animals. Today we are privileged to have an eagle visiting us. Welcome.

EAGLE: Glad to be here. Did you know eagles are mentioned 30 times in the Bible?

VONTRICE: No. Wow! I understand most birds are prey but eagles are predators.

EAGLE: That's right. We can fish, hunt small mammals and reptiles and if needed, we clean up dead things.

VONTRICE: How are you and humans different?

EAGLE: Our eyesight is much better than yours.

VONTRICE: How so?

EAGLE: With my large, keen eyes, I can spot a small animal, like a squirrel or rabbit up to two miles away.

VONTRICE: Good thing some of your prey can camouflage, or blend in with its surroundings.

EAGLE: Yes, but since eagles can see five basic colors instead of three like humans, we still see about 7 times better than you do, plus God created us with a million light sensitive cells per millimeter squared.

VONTRICE: I'm almost afraid to ask. How many light sensitive cells do people have?

EAGLE: God created you with about 200,000.

VONTRICE: Eagles have five times as many as we humans have!

EAGLE: True "dat". But keep in mind humans were designed by God to be good at fixing their eyes on things that are unseen.

VONTRICE: Are you talking about 2 Corinthians 4:18 that says (*reading from Bible*) So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

EAGLE: Right. While you're turned to 2 Corinthians, read chapter 5, verse 7.

VONTRICE: (*Reading*) For we live by faith, not by sight.

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EAGLE: Our creator God blesses humans for that. Read John 20:29.

VONTRICE: (While turning in the Bible) People usually think owls are wise birds but you really know your Bible.

EAGLE: Thank you. I take being the symbol of our nation seriously and of course, all great leaders know their Bibles.

VONTRICE: (Reading) John 20:29: Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

EAGLE: Our excellent vision allows us to sight our prey while high in the air. Our talons grasp our prey while in flight and to help us carry the load, we use air currents to give us momentum and lift.

VONTRICE: That's called soaring, right? Again, what smart birds.

EAGLE: Soaring saves an eagle energy because it does not have to flap its wings as often. I thank God for creating us that way.

VONTRICE: How did you learn to fly?

EAGLE: Eaglets must LEARN to fly and hunt and are taught by OBSERVING their parents?

VONTRICE: Really! Eagle parents have to be good examples for their children.

EAGLE: God compared himself to eagles teaching their young to fly in Deuteronomy 32.

VONTRICE: (*reading*) God shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye, like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them aloft.

EAGLE: It reminds me of 1 Corinthians 11: 1 where Paul said, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ."

VONTRICE: Isaiah 40:31 talks about those that WAIT upon the Lord shall mount up with eagles' wings.

EAGLE: When eagle's soar, they don't flap their wings. We stretch them out and let the air currents carry us. God thing too since we might have to cover 100 miles to find meals in the desert.

VONTRICE: King David lived in the desert for several years. Did you run into him?

EAGLE: Sure. David wrote about us in Psalms 103:5.

VONTRICE: I'll read it. (*reading*) God satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

VONTRICE: Waiting on God can be harder for us humans. It is nice to know we can rely on God to carry us on wings like yours.

EAGLE: Can you read Exodus 19:4? It is something God said when the Israelites left Egypt.

VONTRICE: Sure. ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

EAGLE: We don’t have time to talk about Job 39: 27-30 or Proverbs 30:18 and 19, but I encourage you and your viewers to check out all the times eagles are mentioned in the Bible.

VONTRICE: Will do. Thanks for soaring in to be on our show!

INTERNET RESOURCES

<http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/zoo/bald-eagle>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZx6xCqesNY> The Eagle Soars song by Buddy Davis

Biblical birds challenge board

<http://www.quia.com/cb/811649.html>

Birds in the Bible hangman

<http://www.quia.com/hm/814696.html>