

More Birds from the Bible

CHARACTERS: VONTICE, Rooster, Quail and Sparrow

PROPS: 3 bags

RUN TIME: 3 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Matthew 23:37, 26: 34, 74, 74; Luke 13:34,

FK reading level: 3.8

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 three birds, the rooster, quail and sparrow. Welcome. (BIRDS enter but have bags over their heads). What's with the bags?

QUAIL: We're trying to keep a low profile since we're such popular foods.

VONTRICE: That's true. God gave the Israelites quail to eat in the desert for 40 years.

QUAIL: He did.

VONTRICE: Relax; we don't eat much quail today.

ROOSTER: But you do eat chickens. Cockle-doodle-do. I think you should go back to quail like in the old days.

QUAIL: How could you, *(trying to come up with an insult)* you, you bird brain!

SPARROW: And God knows each time a sparrow falls to the ground.

QUAIL: This is too upsetting! *(Exits, crying)*

ROOSTER: I'm just saying ... we roosters have an important job. Cockle-doodle-do. We wake people up and not just in the morning.

VONTRICE: What do you mean?

ROOSTER: Remember when Jesus told Peter that he would deny him three times? It was my great, great, way back there, great grandfather who crowed three times to wake Peter up.

VONTRICE: Peter wasn't asleep.

ROOSTER: In a manner of speaking he was. He needed to wake up to what he was doing and the fact that Jesus told him ahead of time what would happen.

VONTRICE: True. Did Jesus talk about chickens anywhere else?

ROOSTER: Yes. In both Luke and Matthew he said he wished he could gather his people under his wings like a chicken does.

VONTRICE: Why do you do that?

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ROOSTER: Keeps them warm if it's cold, keeps the dust out of their eyes if the wind blows, and if a smaller predator comes around, they'll think twice before messing with mama.

VONTRICE: Wow, that certainly paints a picture of how Jesus cares for his people.

SPARROW: He also reminder people that even if two sparrows sold for only penny, God knows when each and every one falls to the ground. God has even numbered the hairs of your head, Vontrice.

ROOSTER: You have nothing to fear since you are worth more than many sparrows.

SPARROW: *(crossly)* And more than Roosters too! *(boasting)* Besides, it's the sparrows that are mentioned in Psalm 84. We make our nests in God's house by the altar. You chickens can't say you do that!

VONTRICE: No fighting! Let's just say God knows all the birds ...

SPARROW: *(showing off)* Of course he does. It says so in Psalm 50: 11. "Everything that moves in the field is His" and I quote.

ROOSTER: *(not to be outdone)* Cockle-doodle-do! I can quote scripture too, you know!

SPARROW: *(arguing back)* Parrots and parakeets can too. Doesn't mean they know what they are saying.

VONTRICE: *(pushing them down and offstage, a bit flustered)* That's all for today! *(muttering an aside to herself)* Next time I bring only one at a time! Stay tuned for more Animal World!