

# Interview with a Raven

CHARACTERS: VONTRICE, RAVEN

PROPS: Microphone

COSTUMES: None specified

SETTING: TV studio

SCRIPTURES: Genesis 8, 1 Kings 17, Psalms 147, Song of Solomon 5, Luke 12

RUN TIME: 3 minutes

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 animal world. Today we'll be interviewing a raven.

VONTRICE: Welcome to the show, Raven

RAVEN: Caw, caw. Thanks for having me.

VONTRICE: When exactly did birds start flying the skies above earth?

RAVEN: On the fifth day, after God had gotten the world ready for us by creating land, the sun and vegetation, he made birds and fish.

VONTRICE: What special features did God give the Ravens?

RAVEN: We have wings to fly, beaks to get our food and we are just gorgeous. The Bible says so.

VONTRICE: Really? Where?

RAVEN: In Song of Solomon 5. When the Beloved describes her husband she says, and I quote, "My beloved is radiant and ruddy, outstanding among ten thousand. His head is purest gold; his hair is wavy and black as a raven.

VONTRICE: Being compared with gold is an honor. You sure know your Bible.

RAVEN: Of course. Ravens are exceptionally intelligent birds.

VONTRICE: Not bird brains?

RAVEN: No. We are found everywhere in the northern hemisphere and adapt to very different places, from deserts to mountains — a feat requiring high intelligence.

VONTRICE: How do you find food in such harsh conditions?

RAVEN: We watch. In the dead of winter in Yellowstone National Park, we sometimes finish off what a coyote or wolf pack doesn't eat.

VONTRICE: Really.

RAVEN: It's just like the Psalmist said. God covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

VONTRICE: Did Jesus talk about you Ravens?

RAVEN: Yes. In Luke, Jesus said Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!

VONTRICE: Was that when Jesus said "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life"?

RAVEN: Sure was. And Elijah was worried about his life when he was on the run from evil Queen Jezebel.

VONTRICE: She was trying to kill him, right?

RAVEN: Yes and we Ravens helped feed the prophet Elijah. God ordered us to feed him at the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, because there was a drought.

VONTRICE: What did you bring him?

RAVEN: Bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening. It is terrific when God can use you to help his people. We ravens felt blessed we were chosen for the task.

VONTRICE: So when else did the Bible mention ravens?

RAVEN: During Noah's time. I was one of the chosen ones. Only two each animal was chosen. God told us to fly over to this huge boat.

VONTRICE: What was it like for those 40 days and nights of rain?

RAVEN: The ark was pretty big. It was as long as one and a half football fields, as wide as two basketball courts and as tall as a five story building. We had some nice roosting places.

VONTRICE: What happened when the rain stopped after 40 days?

JACK 2: We waited. A long time. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down months before the water dropped low enough to see the mountain tops. The ark came to rest on the top of Mt. Ararat but we had to wait even longer for the land to dry enough to get out. Noah chose me to go scout out the area.

VONTRICE: What did you see?

JACK 2: At first, it was still wet. I had to fly around for several days but then the most gloriously beautiful rainbow appeared in the sky. It was a perfectly purple, beautifully blue, gorgeously green, yummy yellow, awesome orange and radically red, absolutely astounding! It was his promise to us He would never flood the earth again.

VONTRICE: Ravens certainly have been active in the Bible. Let's see what our audience remembers. *(Call on audience to review previous material, adjusting the questions to the audience's level of understanding. RAVEN leaves.*

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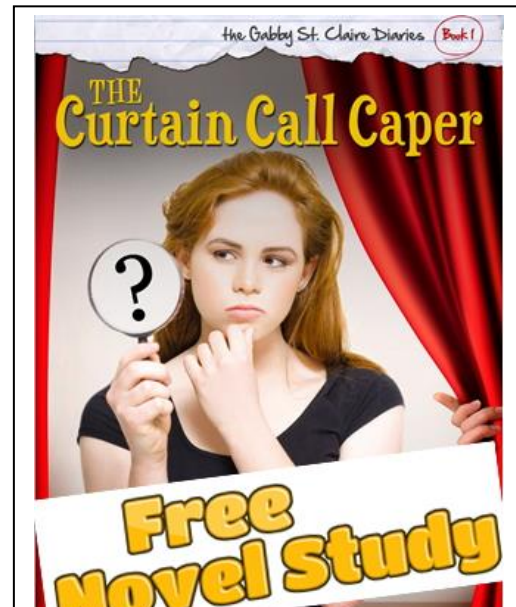
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