

No. 32 Learn Courage From Creation (Symposium)
 -Lions

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video. After the video is shown, refer to it occasionally to illustrate various points]

ANIMALS THAT INSPIRE COURAGE (1 min.)

Jehovah encourages us to learn from creation [Read Job 12:7, 8]
Bible writers used animals to illustrate both negative and positive characteristics (*it-1* 111 ¶7)

Animals act on instinct; in contrast, humans have free will and can choose to cultivate qualities that please God

In this symposium, we will learn about five animals; we will draw a lesson in courage from each one

WE NEED LIONLIKE COURAGE IN THE MINISTRY (2 min.)

Lions are a well-known symbol of courage (Pr 30:30)

All Christians need courage and boldness to proclaim the Kingdom message [Read Micah 5:8] (*jd* 169-170 ¶8-9)

Jehovah's message refreshes "like dew" but also provides a warning (Mic 5:7)

Let us see what we can learn from the boldness of the lion

VIDEO (2 min.)

JEHOVAH AND JESUS HELP US TO PREACH WITH BOLDNESS (5 min.)

As we have seen, lions gain support from their family group
We are led by two "lions" who help us to preach with boldness

Jehovah likens himself to a lion (Isa 31:4, 5)

He will without fail come to our defense

If you feel intimidated or fear negative responses in the ministry, pray for God's spirit (Mic 3:8)

Jesus too is likened to a lion (Re 5:5)

Imitate Jesus' example of bold witnessing (Joh 18:33-37)

Jesus promised to help us fulfill our commission (Mt 28:20)

Of course, in comparison to Jehovah and Jesus, we are like little lion cubs; on our own we would be defenseless

With help from Jehovah and Jesus, we can fearlessly face the "roaring lion" who seeks to stop our preaching (1Pe 5:8)

We will faithfully support anointed ones, who call out Jehovah's warning message "like a lion" (Isa 21:8)

Brother _____ will consider the next part of this symposium, "Learn Courage From Creation-Horses"

TO BE COVERED IN 10 MINUTES