

1. **Matthew 6:25 - 7:1** ²⁵ "So I tell you, don't worry about everyday life-- whether you have enough food, drink, and clothes. Doesn't life consist of more than food and clothing? ²⁶
 - a. Look at the birds. They don't need to plant or harvest or put food in barns because your heavenly Father feeds them.
 - b. And you are far more valuable to him than they are. ²⁷ Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? Of course not.
2. ²⁸ "And why worry about your clothes?
 - a. Look at the lilies and how they grow.
 - b. They don't work or make their clothing, ²⁹ yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are.
 - c. ³⁰ And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't he more surely care for you? You have so little faith!

1. It's a ridiculous notion that I, or John, should bless your animals.
 - a. Not because God doesn't love them (God loves them)
 - b. Not because it's beneath us.
 - c. Not because the animals don't deserve it.
2. It's ridiculous for us to "bless" them because they're already blessed!
 - a. They are blessed to have you!
 - b. You water them
 - you feed them
 - you exercise them
 - you pay way too much at the vet to keep them healthy!
 - you even bring them to pet blessing services!
 - c. You're animals need to be blessed like Donald Trump needs cab fare!
3. The question I find myself asking is,

"How did that happen? How did your animals wind up so blessed?"

 - a. Listen to this passage of scripture with me...
 - ...These are the words of Jesus.
 - b. [read]
4. So – the question was – How did your animals wind up so blessed?
 - a. God blessed them!
 - i. God cares for the birds of the air... (Nests, worms, bugs, etc.)
 - ii. In the case of domesticated animals – God provides loving people like you to be that source of blessing! (Water, food, walks, vets, toys, blessing services)
 - b. God has put you in the life of your animals to care for them!

The blessing John & I will provide in a few minutes is little more than a load of hot air from a couple of windbag preachers!

You are the real means of delivering God's blessing to your animals!
5. So – the animals came today pre-blessed!
 - a. But what about you?
 - b. If God blesses your animals through you (w/ water, food, exercise, vets, etc)....
 - ...who takes care of blessing you?

Who keeps you fed and watered?

Who provides for your needs?

6. According to the passage – It's God!
 - a. [re-read 25-30]
 - b. God loves you and wants to be a source of blessing for you...
...just as you love your animals – and are a means of blessing for them.
 - c. How many of you will sleep in a nice home tonight? THANK GOD – the source of every blessing!
How many of you will enjoy a good meal today? THANK GOD – the source of every blessing?
You all seem to have clothes on your back today! THANK GOD – the source of every blessing!
 - d. You see – just as God loves – and has blessed your pets,
...God loves and has blessed you!
 - e. God loves you and wants to bless you so much that there is no limit to what God would do for you – even go so far as to give his Son Jesus to secure your eternal wellbeing!
7. I'm happy you brought your animals to be blessed today (and we will bless them)
 - a. But I'm even happier that God has provided you as a means of blessing for your animals on a daily basis!
 - i. And I'm happiest of all that God loves each and every one of us so much...
... as to want to provide for ALL our needs
 1. – our worldly needs (food, shelter)
 2. and our spiritual needs (forgiveness, wholeness, & eternal life).
 - b. And I want to encourage you – if you've lost touch with how you fit into God's plan of blessing...
...get back in touch
...drop into Wesley Chapel, FaithPoint, If you're from a different faith tradition – go where you need to go – but don't lose touch with the one who blesses not only your animal – but blesses all of creation – especially YOU!!

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