

## Birds (God Cares for you and wants to protect you)

Do you like birds? Which is your favourite bird? If we think of the different birds God made we can think of:

Sparrows,

Woodpeckers,

Doves,

Eagles, and many more!



There are so many birds that God created we cannot even name them all!

Now when we think about God it is difficult for us to know exactly what God is like. However He wants us to know what He is like. So there are times in the Bible when God actually compares Himself to birds – when He says: *“I am a little bit like this bird”*. And we can learn something about God from these examples of birds.

We all know that there is only one God – but there are three Persons in our one God. **God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit**. This is also called **“the Holy Trinity”** – that is difficult to understand, isn’t it? Three persons in one!!! But we can believe that this is the truth because this is what the Bible teaches us.

Let’s see how God compares Himself to birds in the Bible:

- **God the Father** – compared Himself to an **EAGLE**:



**Deuteronomy 32:11&12** *“**Like an eagle** that rouses her chicks and hovers over her young, so he spread his wings to take them up and carried them safely on his pinions. The lord alone guided them; they followed no foreign gods. “NLT*

The bible says that He looks after His children like an eagle looks after its little ones. When the eagle wants his little ones to fly, he takes them out on his wings and then topples them off, catching them again, if necessary, he keeps doing this until they can fly.

And in this way God the Father helps us to walk and live for Him – and He is always ready to catch us when we fall.

- **God the Son** – compared Himself to a **HEN**:

**Matthew 23:37**: *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together **as a hen** protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me.”*



A hen lifts up her wings and calls her chickens to come in under them for protection and safety. And so God the Son calls us to Him for Salvation and, as we do so, we are like little chicks, and we are safe and secure under His wings.

But the tragedy was that the people the Lord Jesus was speaking to in this verse wouldn't come to Him and the result was that they were sad and lost.

*Don't be like one of these chickens who wouldn't come under the hen's wings. If you have not come to the Lord Jesus and trusted Him as your Saviour, do so today.*

➤ **God the Holy Spirit** – is pictured in the Bible as a DOVE:

**Matthew 3:16:** *"After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending **like a dove** and settling on him."*



When the Lord Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down on Him like a dove. The Holy Spirit is not a dove of course, but this was a picture of Him because He is gentle, quiet and peaceful like a dove. He also wants us to be gentle, quiet and peaceful and He lives in all Christians to help us to become like Him.

But listen, the Bible also compared US to birds! The Lord Jesus said to His disciples in **Matthew 6:31:** *"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"* and then in **verse 26:** *"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"*

He tells us to look at the birds. Your Heavenly Father looks after the birds and feeds them even though they don't plant or grow anything! But He loves you and me more than the birds.



Therefore our Heavenly Father will look after you and me because He loves us so much – so don't worry about anything, put your trust in Him, He cares about you and will protect you!

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