

# Dogs In Heaven



“If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.”

— Will Rogers

So many people, who should know better, do not believe that animals have souls and spirits.

Justin Jackson, professor at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale Michigan is teaching an online course on the book of Genesis. He took the word “soul” from the verse below to mean that God gave Adam a soul.

Genesis 2:7

**And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

He did not understand that the word “soul” in this verse is used like the word “person.” In the verse below, the Law, given to Moses, says no person of the children of Israel shall eat blood and no stranger (Gentile) who is living with them shall eat blood.

Leviticus 17:12

Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, **No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger** that sojourneth among you eat blood.

When God breathed into Adam's nostrils, He did not give him a soul, but God gave Adam His spirit. Not the Holy Ghost, but the spirit of God.

Job 27:3

**All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;**

He made another error when he went on to explain that animals don't have a soul, because it doesn't say that God breathed into the animals after He created them.

Genesis 2:19

**And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air;** and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

But later on, in Genesis, we find out that God did breathe into the animals' nostrils, because God told Noah that all flesh has the breath of life (the spirit of God) in its nostrils, just like man.

Genesis 6:17

And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy **all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven**; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

Genesis 7:15

And they went in unto Noah into the ark, **two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.**

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Genesis 7:1-2

*And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. **Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.***

### Genesis 7:21-22

And **all flesh died that moved upon the earth**, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, **and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life**, of all that was in the dry land, died.

Job tells us the same thing. The breath of life, the spirit of God, is what keeps every creature, including man, alive. If God were to take back his spirit (His breath,) every creature would die.

### Job 34:14-15

If he set his heart upon man, if **he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath; All flesh shall perish together**, and man shall turn again unto dust.

Bottom line: Genesis 2:7 is telling us that after God formed man from the dust, God breathed into man's nostrils to give him life, the spirit of God.

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**And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

And we know that God breathed into the animals' nostrils to give them life, too. (Not from Genesis 2, but later on, in Genesis 6, where God tells Noah that all flesh has the breath of life in its nostrils.)

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We have seen how every living thing gets its spirit from God. The Bible does not tell us how every living thing gets its soul, or essence. We are told that everything that God does, including everything that He creates, lasts forever. No one can add anything to it or take anything from it.

Ecclesiastes 3:14

**I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it:** and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

"Soul" can be used to talk about the essence of the person, the part of the person that will go to heaven or hell upon that person's death. The following verse is talking about Jacob's wife Rachel dying after she gave birth to Benjamin. Her soul left her body.

Genesis 35:18

And it came to pass, **as her soul was in departing, (for she died)** that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.

Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, wrote that men and animals are no different, they have the same breath (we know it as the breath of life, or spirit from God,) and the same earthly bodies that return to dust.



Ecclesiastes 3:19-20

For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; **yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast:** for all is vanity. **All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.**

The spirit that God breathes into every creature returns to Him upon their death.

Ecclesiastes 12:7

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and **the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**

Moses called God, “the God of the spirits of all flesh.”

Numbers 27:16

Let the LORD, **the God of the spirits of all flesh,** set a man over the congregation,

Job tells us that every living thing has a soul.

### Job 12:10

In whose hand **is the soul of every living thing,** and the breath of all mankind.

The difference between man's soul and animals' souls is that the souls of all of the animals are in God's hand. All animals go to heaven upon their deaths.

Notice, it is the breath, or the spirit of God, in all mankind that are in God's hand, and returns to God upon man's death. The souls of all believers also go to God. The unbelievers' souls go to hell. It is the word of God that separates the unbeliever's soul from the spirit that God gave him, and allows the spirit of God to return to God, and the unbeliever's soul to descend into hell.

### Hebrews 4:12

For **the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit,** and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.