



The Roaring Lion

Tonight's three words...

- Sin
- Desire
- Master

Scripture Reading – Genesis 4:1-10

Excerpt - Genesis 4:7...

If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

- Updated New American Standard Bible

“Be Prepared”
“Pay attention!”

Scar
The Lion King





THE MAN-EATERS OF TSAVO

How Man-eaters evolved

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How Man-eaters were hunted

Man-eating lions were hunted by British soldiers and hunters. The most famous hunt was led by Major Gordon Holmes in 1905, who killed two man-eating lions in Tsavo. The hunt was a major event and the lions' skulls were preserved as trophies.



The Discovery of the Man-eating Lions

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Evolutionary Program

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GHOST AND THE
DARKNESS



1 Peter 5:8-9 –

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert.

Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

But resist him, firm in your faith...



Cain and Abel

- Genesis 4:1-10
 - V4 – Abel’s offer accepted
 - V5 – Cain’s offer rejected
 - V7 – “If you do well...”

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Later Bible Commentary

- Heb 11:4
- I John 3:12



Sin – Sinful Choices

Romans 1:18-32

- V18 – “men who suppress the truth...”
- V19 – “evident” - despite abundant evidence
- V21 – “knew God”, but “did not honor Him”
- Willful choices!...
 - V21, 22 – “became”
 - V23, 25, 26 - “exchanged”
 - V27 - “abandoned”
 - V28 - “did not see fit”
- Freewill versus “Original Sin inherited from Adam”.

How does God feel about sin?

Romans 1:18-32

- V18 - “ungodliness and unrighteousness”
- V20 - “without excuse”
- V21 - “foolish heart darkened”
- V24 - “impurity”, “dishonored”
- V26 - “degrading”, “unnatural”
- V27 – “indecent”, “penalty”, “error”
 - “receiving *in their own persons* the due penalty for their error”
- V28 – “depraved”, “not proper”
- V31 – “without understanding”
- V32 – “worthy of (spiritual) death”
 - “Victimless sin”? Sin always carries punishment with it!

How Do We Protect Ourselves From Sin?

Ephesians 6:10-18 - The Armor of God

- V10 – “strong in the Lord” ... “His might”
- V11 - “full armor” – every piece!
- V12 – the devil, sin - takes many forms
- V13 – “resist” ... “stand firm”
- V14 – “truth” ... “righteousness”
- V15, 17 – “helmet”, “feet” – from head to toe
- V16 – “faith with which you will be able...”
- V17 – “the sword of the Spirit” = “the Word of God”
- V18 – “be on the alert” – I Pet 5:18, for a roaring lion!

Summary and Application

- The Bad News:
 - Sin is in many forms and forces
 - Sin...
 - takes you farther than you want to go
 - keeps you there longer than you want
 - costs more than you are willing to pay
 - Its desire is for YOU
 - The devil is a roaring lion
 - on the prowl
 - crouching at the door
 - wanting to devour YOU.

Summary and Application

- The Good News:
 - God desires us too
 - Christ died for our sins
 - forgiveness through faith and obedience
 - a home in Heaven
 - We have the whole armor of God
 - to teach us
 - to protect us
 - We can and must master sin

“Resist the devil and he will flee from you” –
James 4:7