

SEVEN birds that the Creator uses to picture:

The Person and Walk of THE SON OF GOD



HEN



EAGLE



PELICAN



OWL

and His Sacrificial WORK



DOVE



PIGEON



SPARROW

BIRD	TYPE	SCRIPTURE	MEDITATION
EAGLE	Superiority	<p>Also out of the midst thereof <i>came</i> the likeness of four living creatures ... they four also had the face of an <b>eagle</b>. Eze 1:5, 10b</p> <p>Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and <i>how</i> I bare you on <b>eagles'</b> wings, and brought you unto myself. Exo 19:4</p> <p>As an <b>eagle</b> stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the LORD alone did lead him, and <i>there was</i> no strange god with him. Deu 32:11</p>	<p>The eagle displays superiority and air-supremacy and is a clear witness of strength. It soars above the pinnacles of the highest mountain peaks but sees all below.</p> <p>Herein we find the superiority of the sovereign grace of God in Christ, the Son of God, who soared over every obstacle and barrier to accomplish the will of God and bring us safely into blessing.</p> <p>His promise to us if we wait on Him is:</p> <p>But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew <i>their</i> strength; they shall mount up with wings as <b>eagles</b>; they shall run, and not be weary; <i>and</i> they shall walk, and not faint. Isa 40:31</p>



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HEN	Sympathy	<p>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, <i>thou</i> that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a <b>hen</b> gathereth her chickens under <i>her</i> wings, and ye would not! <a href="#">Mat 23:37</a></p>	<p>The <b>hen's</b> attentive regard and affection is seen when a brood of young chicks nestles beneath the wings of the mother hen.</p> <p>The Lord used this image to describe His grief as He wept in anguish over Jerusalem. How expressive this is of the tenderness and sympathy He has for each of us.</p>



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<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: darkred;">OWL</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: darkred;">Seclusion</p>	<p>... I am like an <b>owl</b> of the desert.  <a href="#">Psa 102:6</a></p> <p>They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none <i>shall be</i> there, and all her princes shall be nothing.  <a href="#">Isa 34:12</a></p> <p>There shall the great <b>owl</b> make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: <a href="#">Isa 34:15</a></p>	<p>The owl is known for its singular seclusion and nocturnal habits. How vividly this pictures the Lord Jesus as He wandered in this world that His hands had made often alone and in prayer all night to His Father. And yet the greatest seclusion is seen at the cross when He cried out in the agony of His soul, "My God, My God why has thou forsaken me". <b>Ps. 22:1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Alone He bare the cross,  Alone its grief sustained;  His was the shame and loss,  And He the victory gained;  The mighty work was all His own,  Tho' we shall share His glorious throne.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LF # 80</b></p>



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<p><b>PELICAN</b></p>	<p><b>S</b>olitude</p>	<p>I am like a <b>pelican</b> of the wilderness: <b>Psa 102:6</b></p>	<p>The pelican is able to penetrate more deeply into waste and desert areas than any other bird because it carries a substantial amount of food in the large pouch beneath its beak.</p> <p>In like manner the Son of Man was not sustained by His surroundings in this world which was a truly wilderness land to His holy person.</p> <p>He stated to Satan in the wilderness, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." <b>Luke 4:4</b></p>



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DOVE	Sorrow	<p>Also he sent forth a <b>dove</b> from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;</p> <p>But the <b>dove</b> found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters <i>were</i> on the face of the whole earth ... <a href="#">Gen 8:8, 9</a></p>	<p>The <b>dove</b> with its mournful note suggests His sorrow as a mourner in a world of sin for which He died. Christ's holy nature recoiled in the presence of sin and yet the sweetness of His spirit was never embittered by the contradictions of sinners against Himself. It is interesting that the <b>dove</b> has no gallbladder to produce gall (bile). The dove will never leave or forsake its mate or its nest.</p> <p>The Lord Jesus has said to each of us: I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. <b>Hebrews 13:5b</b></p>



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PIGEON	Sacrifice	<p>And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young <b>pigeon</b>. <a href="#">Gen 15:9</a></p> <p>And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young <b>pigeon</b>, or a turtledove, for a sin offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest: <a href="#">Lev 12:6</a></p>	<p>As one of the clean birds, the <b>pigeon</b> occupied an important place in God's sacrificial system for Israel. Considerable importance is seen in its appointment as an oblation for sin.</p> <p>This fact directs the attention to Christ's spotless character and comeliness answering to the divine claims for all human defects and deficiencies.</p> <p>The beloved, only-begotten Son has secured by His supreme sacrifice an eternal redemption.</p>



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<p><b>SPARROW</b></p>	<p>Substitution</p>	<p>... then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two clean living birds, and cedar-wood, and scarlet, and hyssop. <b>Lev. 4:4</b> N.T. margin gives “ a small bird – <b>sparrow</b>”</p> <p>But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many <b>sparrows</b>. <b>Luk 12:7</b></p> <p>Yea, the sparrow hath found an house ... <b>Psa 84:3</b></p> <p>I watch, and am as a <b>sparrow</b> alone upon the house top. <b>Psa 102:7</b></p>	<p>The <b>sparrow</b> is among the most common and plentiful of all birds and where a blood sacrifice was needed for the cleansing of the leper, two <b>sparrows</b> were taken by the priest for that purpose. One was killed and its blood collected in an earthen vessel. Then the live sparrow along with the cedar, scarlet and hyssop were dipped in the blood and the bird then set free. This is a beautiful picture of the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of our blessed Lord.</p> <p>When the disciples were threatened by mob violence the Lord told them: “Are not five <b>sparrows</b> sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many <b>sparrows</b>. <b>Luke 12:7</b></p>

