

Spiritual Growth and Lessons from the Blue Jay



20 Then God said, “Let the water be filled with many living things, and let there be birds to fly in the air over the earth.” 21 So God created the large sea animals.^[a] He created all the many living things in the sea and every kind of bird that flies in the air. And God saw that this was good (Genesis 1:20-22).

The Creator of the universe created everything with a special purpose in mind. He created all the birds with a single spoken word. Can you imagine watching this take place? Father God stood on the earth and simply spoke and suddenly birds of all types and sizes burst forth. Watching this beautiful scene in Eden would’ve left any of us speechless and ceaselessly dedicated to our Lord. Perhaps in heaven we will be permitted to watch a rerun of these awesome events of creation in living color. Wouldn’t that be something to behold?

I have taken a bit of time to ponder creation and Eden as a whole, as it clearly displays the awesomeness of our God. Creation itself testifies about its Creator. King David said, “**The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands**” (Psalms. 19:1).

All creation shouts to us a message, proclaiming the glory and splendor of our wonderful Lord.

For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time (Romans 8:22).

The birds and all creation are clearly announcing that Jesus is coming soon, so it's time to get ready! Creation truly reflects His divine nature. It's clear that nothing has been done by accident.

My dear maternal grandmother passed down to me a special love for birds. Thankfully, I still have a bird book she gave me when I was just a child and I cherish it to this day. I've spent quite a few years watching these beautiful creatures from afar. Our yard is filled with bird feeders, birdhouses, and even a birdbath. I love to watch them, admiring the majestic handiwork of God.

My two favorite birds are the blue jay and the cardinal. I recently asked the Lord if there were any lessons I could learn from watching them. He revealed some marvelous truths that I hope will encourage you. In this article, I want to focus on the blue jay in particular.

Blue Jays – “Warrior of God”

This highly intelligent and resourceful bird that knows how to solve problems and gather food. Bluebirds are excellent communicators, in fact, much more than other birds. They are known to be loud and boisterous and are able to mimic the calls of other birds like the hawk. They are known as the “alarm of the forest.” They are not afraid to screech at intruders and become aggressive when necessary. They have a unique ability to store food which is very rare among birds, and they're so intelligent that they can recall where they place thousands of nuts and go back to retrieve them.

When I asked God for revelation, I knew He did not create them by accident. The following are qualities in blue jays which He highlighted for His people.

- 1) Brave, Aggressive, Fearless:** This bird can cause turmoil because they are so loud and boisterous. They are fearless and will attack their enemies or any kind of perceived threat without hesitation. They will chase away a predator even using combat strategies like dive bombing when an enemy tries to invade their territory. This bird is not afraid of a fight and will take on much larger enemies to protect their young. They refuse to retreat but will battle with fierce determination until all threats are quelled.

Together they will be like warriors in battle, trampling their enemy into the mud of the streets. They will fight because the LORD is with them, and they will put the enemy horsemen to shame (Zechariah 10:5).

Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare for war! Rouse the warriors! Let all the fighting men draw near and attack (Joel 3:9).

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).

“Warrior of God”

The Lord is raising up a Warrior Bride, one who will not be intimidated by the enemy of our souls. She is brave, mighty, and fierce in battle. This bride is both a lover and a fighter. She wears combat boots and is prepared to defend the truth. Satan and his cohorts are preparing for battle, but His Bride is ready for it and she will not retreat. This bride loves to lay her head on the chest of her sweet Master Jesus, but she will also wreak grand havoc on the enemy’s kingdom. Her arms are trained for battle, and with the sword of the spirit she will “dive bomb” the enemy’s enclave with the word of her testimony and the blood of the Lamb. Her testimony is like a trumpet, a trumpet that will intimidate and terrorize the enemy’s camp. Hell’s walls are coming down, blasted by the sounds of heaven. To God this sound is beautiful and pure; to the enemy it is terrifying and devastating.

2) Alarm of the Forest

For the animals and birds of the forest the blue jay’s loud call warns them of threats. They are known as the “alarms of the forest.” As a result, other creatures have time to get to safety before a predator can inflict his damage. How many creatures has this loud call saved? Only the Lord knows.

You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!” (Isaiah 40:9).

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes (Isaiah 52:8).

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand— (Joel 2:1).

Spiritual Alarm

For the Lord is raising up a Bride who will lift her voice into the heavens and warn the people of the forthcoming battles. They will foresee the enemy's imminent attacks and care enough to shout it from the rooftop that God will win this battle, to encourage the body of Christ to stand strong and hold the line. They will sound the alarm and call the people of God to repentance and godly sorrow. This bride has the voice of many waters and is so in harmony with the Lord that she speaks with authority and unction. Her voice is as a prophetic alarm to those with ears to hear.

3) Resourceful, highly intelligent, solves problems

This special species is both practical and resourceful. Blue jays build their nests in a safe location with great care and ease. Other birds typically struggle to decide the location of the nest, while problem solving comes easy to blue jays. They make decisions and follow the best plan. As previously mentioned, it's one of the few that can recall every location of thousands of hiding places.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you (James 1:5).

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5).

Divine Wisdom, The Mind of Christ, Creative

For in this, the end times the Lord is giving His precious bride divine wisdom from on high. Did He not say if you lack wisdom then ask? For His bride will have the wisdom she needs to make the right choices. In fact, she will flow in such unity with her bridegroom that she will walk as He walks, do as He does, and move like He moves. She will be resourceful and creative and be led by the Spirit, not after the flesh. Her life and identity will be guided by Him alone. The secrets of the Lord will be given to her because she leans in to hear His heartbeat. The thoughts that once dragged her down will be banished by His relentless love and precious blood. She will have the mind of Christ and all the stinking thinking of the past will be washed away by His Holy Word. For even now the Lord is giving His bride increased gifting and the ability to do the tasks at hand

and to fulfill her holy calling. She will be given clever ideas and unique problem-solving abilities that will make history.



4) Curious, Friendly, Attentiveness

When a blue jay sees a human being, it will often become curious, taking a special interest in someone it deems special. Most of the time it won't fear you, but instead will follow you here and there. Don't let this scare you because this is its way of making you feel welcome. You might even make a new friend that will come back to visit you later.

“This is what the Lord Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another (Zechariah 7:9).

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd (Matthew 9:36).

For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting^[b]dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. ³If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, “You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor”—well,⁴ doesn't this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? (James 2:2-4).

Divine Interest, Godly Compassion, Stops for the One

For Christ's Bride will be given a divine interest in others that need special affirmation and care. His Bride will not be self-focused, but she will be God-focused, which will then cause her to be focused on higher things. She will care about what God cares about, and the Lord will empower her with courage, curiosity, and bravery, to go after the weary one that needs help; the one that needs to hear a word in season; the one that needs the Lord's hands and feet extended. She will display a godly love and compassion, rather than looking out for number one. And she will not be afraid to go after the one in need; she will take the time to give individual time and attention to those who need to experience God's love. She is led by the Spirit. For the Lord is raising up a bride that cares about what He cares about, while carrying a true heart of empathy and concern for others. These He will use as an overcoming army that will follow after God and look for needy people to love and encourage.

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