

God Has a Sense of Humor

A young man named Julian adopted a stray kitten he had found roaming through the neighborhood. Although he didn't know much about caring for cats, he did his best to provide a suitable environment for his new little companion.

One day, as he stepped out to check the mail, the cat raced out of the house and ran up a tree. Julian tried for an hour to coax the kitten out of the tree, but the scared cat wouldn't budge.

Finally, in a fit of desperation or a stroke of genius, Julian tied a rope around the tree and secured the other end to the rear bumper of his car. He inched the vehicle forward slowly, hoping to bend the tree enough to allow him to pluck the kitty from its branches. The tree slowly bowed to the pressure exerted on it, but the rope gave way with a loud snap. The cat went sailing through the air and out of sight.

"Forgive me," Julian said, with eyes turned upward, "and show mercy for that innocent little creature." He sulked around the house for the remainder of the day, questioning what he'd done.

The next day, at the grocery store, he overheard two women talking in the pet food section. "Since when do you need to shop for cat food? You don't have a cat," one woman said to the other.



"Well, it's the craziest story," the other woman replied. "For weeks my 5-year-old has been pestering me about getting a cat or a puppy or bird, and I just wasn't convinced that at his age he could be responsible enough. So we're in the backyard yesterday and he's going on and on about wanting a pet and why I should let him have one.

"I'm getting tired of his whining so I say, 'I'll make you a deal. The day it starts raining cats and dogs, you can have one.' No sooner had the words left my mouth than this adorable little kitten just drops right out of the sky and lands in his arms. I'm telling you, if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, I wouldn't have believed it."

Julian let out a sigh of relief, looked upward and said, "Thank You."

That story prompts the question: Does God have a sense of humor? I believe He does!

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Think about His creation. Surely He made creatures such as the otter, dolphin and penguin just because they delighted Him so much. Or consider what we find in Scripture (keeping in mind that Scripture was inspired by God) describing the life of a stork in pretty funny terms. Job 39:17 says, “For God did not endow her with wisdom or give her a share of good sense.”

Proverbs is a funny book at times. Proverbs 11:22 states, “Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.”

And you wonder if Solomon had just fought with one of his many wives when he said “Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife” (Proverbs 12:9).

Of course, God’s humor is never cruel the way humans twist it to be at times. In fact, God is entirely pure and untainted, thus so is His humor. Such a God inspired the author of Proverbs to write, “A happy heart makes the face cheerful” (15:13), or seen from the opposite point of view in verse 30: “A cheerful look brings joy to the heart.”



Proverbs 16:24 proclaims: “Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.”

God does have a sense of humor. Aren’t you glad?

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