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- * 1) We have all gone astray **as sheep**, going our own way (*Isa. 53:6*); our Lord before His enemies was **as a lamb** and opened not His mouth (*Isa. 53:7*).
- * 2) We are as insignificant **as a worm** (*Isa. 41:14*). We can't get any lowlier than that!
- * 3) We are not to be **as the horse or mule** which must be restrained with bit and bridle (*Psalms 32:9*). The horse wants to run away; the mule may refuse to move. May we not imitate such stubbornness, insisting on our own way.
- * 4) We are to be diligent, industrious and hardworking **as the ant** (*Prov. 6:6-8*). It's quite a challenge to find a lazy ant!
- * 5) The **sparrow** reminds us how valuable we are to the Lord (*Matt. 10:31*).
- * 6) In God's strength we can soar to heights **as the eagle**, rising above adverse circumstances and difficulties (*Isa. 40:31*).
- * 7) God's servants, when facing enemies, are to be wise (keen, cautious, discerning, alert) **as serpents** and harmless (guileless, innocent) **as doves** (*Matt. 10:16*).
- * 8) The Adamic nature does not change and is never reformed, as illustrated by **the leopard** who cannot change his spots (*Jer. 13:23*), **the cleaned up pig** who returns to the muck and mire, and **the dog** who has no problem eating its own vomit and even enjoys doing so (*2 Pet. 2:22*).
- * 9) The righteous are bold **as a lion** (*Prov. 28:1*). The king of the beasts is fearless, and how much more should believers be bold who are fortified by the Almighty!
- * 10) **As the deer** thirsts greatly for flowing streams, so our hearts should thirst for the living God, who alone can satisfy our deepest needs (*Psalms 42:1-2*).

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