

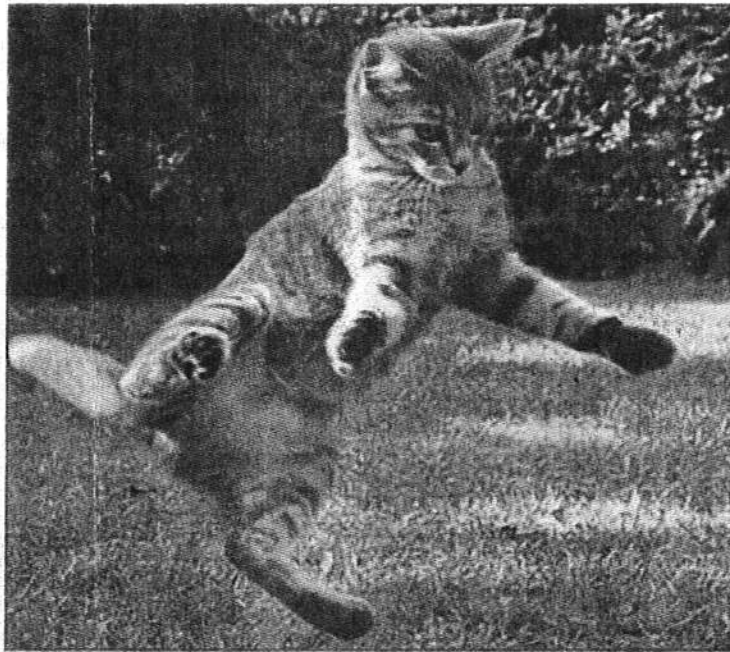
Seeking His Presence

Did God really send the cat?

Whoever said the Creator doesn't have a sense of humor? Dwight Nelson recently told a true story about the pastor of his church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc., but the kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke. The tree went 'boing!' and the kitten instantly sailed through the air - out of sight. The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, 'Lord, I just committ this kitten to your keeping,' and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, 'Why are



you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?' She replied, 'You won't believe this,' and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, 'Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it.' She told the pastor, 'I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten, suddenly, came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her.'

Never underestimate the Power of God and His unique sense of humor. Anyone can count the seeds in an apple;

but only God can count the apples in a seed.

I received the above story, by email, and whether it's true or not, I don't know. I admit, I doubt that it is. This particular story just made me laugh.

It made me think of how we attribute so many things to God that God had nothing to do with. Did he put the idea in the man's head? Did He send the cat flying to answer a prayer for a little girl? He could, of course.

The truth is that God is a good God and He loves us so much that He gave His only begotten Son to die for our sins so we could live eternally with Him (John 3:16). This little story may not be true, but it has a great message that is absolutely true. He cares about you. He cares about a world that is crying out for help. The sad thing is that sometimes He has to stand back and watch because people refuse to believe. Faith in God, the Bible says, is the victory that overcomes the world (I John 5:4).

God cares and He is more than able.