

## **Chickens come home to roost: In the Bible**

There are several stories in the Bible that have connections. J Vernon Mc Gee (a radio preacher) told several stories and reminds us that chickens always come home to roost. What does that mean? There are incidents in a life that affect other incidents. Sometimes history repeats itself. Chickens love to play all day in the yard but every night they come home to their perch. Roost means to rest.

All the choices we make, and events we experience have a way of coming back around. I suppose Murphy's law fits well. *What can happen usually will happen.* Except at times, Karma sets in. Karma means choices good or bad. However, the places we find ourselves and the choices we make do tend to make their way back home like chickens. For example: a drunk has kids and some of those kids become drunks themselves. Another might be that a thief kills a teller in a bank with a gun. Sometime later a policeman kills the thief with a gun.

There are moments when this gets crazy. There is a website called *The Darwin awards*. This site has stories of people finding stupid ways of killing themselves.. The point is that choices we make are never fully thought out. Some less fortunate people find themselves in tragic ends because of things unseen. Here is an example: the terrorist who posted a letter bomb with insufficient postage stamps and who, on its return, unthinkingly opened his own letter. I guess Forest Gump is right in saying *stupid is what stupid does*.

In the Bible, we have several stories of people making decisions. Sometimes, these decisions can cause things happen to them. Other times it's years later, and similar tragedy happens in the same way to others. People could call it fate if they want. People could call it Murphy's law or stupidity. Either way it proves time and again that chickens do come home to

roost. It could be as simple as God asking Abraham to sacrifice his child and Jesus Gods son is sacrificed. Another could be Prophecy of dogs licking blood of future ancestors and then years later it comes true. The Bible is full of these chicken stories.

I want to go through five stories where it appears chickens come home to roost. Unfortunately, there are lessons to be learned. The people in these stories learned hard lessons. Sometimes it was death and tragic ends. People think the Bible is boring. They just have not read it. This big book has tons of interesting stories. The cool part is that God has lessons to learn from all of them.