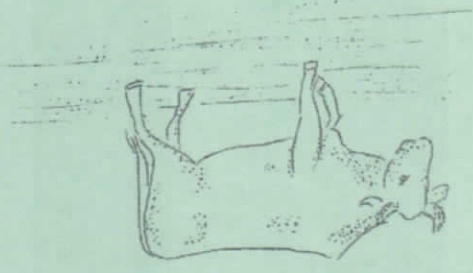


OXEN - WHAT THE OX TAUGHT US ABOUT LISTENING

God used men to write our Bible for us. These men kept their eyes wide open. They noticed many things in the world around them. They saw how the animals lived and acted.



Isaiah was a great prophet. He was used by God to write the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah must have watched the oxen being fed. He saw

how each day the oxen was led out to water. Each day the ox was taken to pasture. When the ox came in from the pasture, there was a special stall for him. Isaiah must have noticed how the ox depended on its master. The ox listened when its master spoke. The ox obeyed the commands of the master.

Isaiah saw all of this.

Isaiah also watched the men and women around him. They did not listen to God. When God spoke, they did not hear. They did not bother to obey God.

One day Isaiah said to the people -

The ox knows its owner but Israel does not know. My people do not consider.

(Isaiah 1:3)

