

Eagles and God

by Dan Jenkins

The imagery God uses to describe His nature and the way He works on this earth is so remarkable. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus used the imagery of God's careful attention to the lily of the field. His clothing of a lily whose "lifespan" is so brief is God's assurance He will cloth us. In that sermon, He talked of God's care for birds who make no provision like sowing and reaping, yet God is still so involved in their lives. God has placed in His creations imagery that helps us understand Him.

Take as example of this truth His creation of the eagles. Solomon, the wisest man of the Old Testament, mentions four things which far surpass his ability to comprehend. Heading that list is "...the way of an eagle in the air" (Prov. 30:19). For thousands of years, men have watched birds soaring in the air. Yet, it was only about a hundred years ago that mankind began to fly. The majesty of the eagle is so remarkable.

When God brought the Jews from Egyptian bondage He manifested His power. His ten plagues of judgment on the Egyptians brought more devastation on Egypt than we can begin to imagine. The mightiest power of that time was driven to its knees as the holocaust from heaven destroyed their lives. They even lost their precious jewels and gold, yet not a single battle was fought. When they arrived at Mt. Sinai, God said to them, "You have seen what

I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you unto Myself" (Ex. 19:4). The imagery is not of them being plucked by an eagle with its talons and snatching them from bondage but of them soaring out of that land on the wings of a majestic eagle.

In the last month of Moses' life, he taught Israel to sing the song of Moses. In the early verses of that song, they sang of God's concern for His people as shown in their deliverance from the bondage of Egypt. The song describes how the eagles of that land taught the young eagles to fly. The older eagles fluttered over the nest and urged the eaglets to leave the safety of that nest. If and when they wearied in flight, they could find rest on the wings of their parents (Deut. 32:11). This is how those young eagles learn to soar. This is also how He deals with us.

The application of this imagery is so vivid in our lives. His eyes are over us, and His ears are open to our prayers. He knows our needs before we ask, and He promises to answer our fervent prayers. As the eagle takes its young and places them on its back, so He takes us. He promises that "...those who wait on the Lord shall...mount up with wings like eagles" (Isa. 40:31).

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Prayer List

Rebecca, the Wootens' great-granddaughter is greatly improved and is home.

Our Love and Sympathy to Dan & Carrie Gibson at the passing of Carrie's sister, Rita Compton.

Continue to Remember: Don Bowen, Julie Dilbeck, Buster Hayes, Wanda Horner, Velma McDougald, Bud Moore, Eula Parrish, Willie Winters, Kelly Bland, Frankie Ellison, Meagan Gould, Paul Hillier, Louise Tallent, Ronald Tucker.

College Students: Savanna Bearden, Ty Gibson, Kate Haden, Kati Haffner, Wade Hall, Julie Hand, Jackie Howard, Kayla Howard, Jamie Humann, Corey McDougald, Emory McDougald, Michelle McWhorter, Kaylee Nicholson, Steely Southard, Emily Stovall, and Corey Tackett.

Service Men: Clay Bayes, Jason Book, Alston Compton, Robert Johnson, Ryan Payne, Douglas Ramsey, Ryan Stewart, Morgan Weaver, and Payton Weaver

Announcements

New Members: Welcome Scott, Kyla, Berkeley, Knox and Nash Parr. We are excited they have placed membership with us. Their address is 1605 Woodcrest, Corsicana, TX 75110.

Mildred Wooten would like to thank you all for your concern, prayers and calls regarding their great-granddaughter, Rebecca.

High School Open Door Thursday at the Myers' home, 3:30 to 6:30 PM.

Youth Devotional tomorrow evening 6:30 to 8:30 at Micah & Nancy Haden's house. Meet at the building to leave at 6:00.

The Westhill Ladies Retreat is this weekend.

Sandwich Supper after services next Sunday night. Bring sandwiches, chips, dips and desserts and plan to stay for food and fellowship together.

Lads to Leaders Meeting next Sunday evening in conjunction with our sandwich supper. Spencer Ross will be here to speak briefly and answer questions.

Our Lectureship, "The Power of One," is coming up October 11-14. Invitation cards are available at the back of the auditorium.

Fall Youth Retreat at Peach Valley is coming up October 16-18. Registration forms are available on the back table. See Cory for more details.

Save the Date: Seniors (50+) Seminar with Jeff Jenkins, Monday, November 9th at 7:00 PM.

Granbury Street Church of Christ in Cleburne is hosting a series of gospel lessons on "The Christian World View" with guest speaker Richard Melson September 27-30.

Birthdays This Week

September 20 - Bel Williams

September 21 - Tracy Barham, Dan Gibson

September 22 - Ben Baumgartner, Gene Wardlaw

September 23 - Zack Lewis, Kyle Slaughter, Helen Strange

September 24 - Alex Cuellar

September 26 - Jason Dilbeck, Andy McDougald, Talen Myers

Next Week's Adult Class

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John 2:13-25

Records for September 13, 2015

Bible Class	185
AM Worship.....	250
PM Worship	162
Wednesday	162
Contribution	\$7,186.71

Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	Zach Drain
Opening Prayer	Tim Cooke
Communion Leader	Michael Jones
Communion Servers	
David Baumgartner	Tyler Baumgartner
Joe Glass	Ken Green
Wade Hall	Jimmy Horn
Don Ivy	Larry Jayroe
Aubrey Parrish	Wayne Prater
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Mike Wylie	
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