

2024 Critical Broad Promises Revealed

Psalm 23: 1-6

God is our shepherd, He will position us and make our cup overflow. Exodus 19:4

God will carry us on eagles' wings, no matter what comes up.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Our only role is to fear God, listen to the Holy Spirit, in us, and obey His command.

Exodus 19:4, God recounts how carried Israel on eagles' wings:

4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself'.

VS 5-6

" ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

What did God do for the Israelites?

First: the promise: Exodus 6: 4-8

- ⁴I established covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to give them the land of Canaan ...⁵I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶ "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them...

Second: the actions for fulfilment (journeying to Canaan):

- The exodus out of Egypt after 430 in slavery/bondage: Exodus 12:31-50
- Crossing the red sea & killing their Egyptians without their efforts Exodus 14:1-31
- Leading Israel through the wilderness: Exodus 15:22 Ex 18 (bitter water became sweet, manna & quail from heaven, water from the rock, etc.)

God's checkpoint Exodus 19:1-4 God reviewed their journey with Him so far from the exodus. "You have seen how I carried you o eagles wings". Both promises & actions described as carrying on eagles' wings

Third: the request to stay SANCTIFIED/OBEDIENT to become God's special ones: Exodus 19:5-6

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ON EAGLES' WINGS

God refers to "lifting us far beyond our inherent capacity, sustaining us through troubles & tribulation, magnifying our best efforts and endowing us with power to attain what He desires for us."

Song lyrics:

"In the presence of Jehovah, God Almighty, Prince of Peace, Troubles vanish, hearts are mended, In the presence of The King"

ON EAGLES' WINGS

We see that God deliberately decides to carry us on eagles wings

- We learn from the case of Israelites that when God decides to do this, He is committed to it, He is intentional about and very deliberate about how things fall in on both sides. He knows what He is doing for us, He is watching to know who is diligent about the commitments and He stop at checkpoint to draw attention to His intentionality and make request that we must keep the light burning obeying Him fully and keeping His command-.
- The second thing we learn is that there are different levels of relationship with God. Although God has made a promise to carry all of us on eagles wings and He is committedly doing so, there will be a special group that will be further selected and lifted to position of "treasured possession, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." This is probably the group that Proverbs 12:24 spoke about in saying that "The hand of the diligent will rule." Could also be why Jesus selected another layer among the apostles: John His special friend (John 13:23); Peter the rock for His church (Matthew 16:18) and He took three of the disciples to be His inner circle (Matthew 17:1).
- In Luke 17, when Jesus cleaned ten men with leprosy, nine thought the game was over but only one was wise to know that the game was not over yet, so he diligently went back to say "thank you & praising God in a loud voice". Only this one became the 'treasured possession' and Jesus said to him "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you." (all ten were cleansed BUT only one was fully healed made whole).

WITHOUT GOD WE CAN DO NOTHING

2 Corinthians 3:5 says

"⁵ Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God."

1 Corinthians 15:10, Paul said:

¹⁰ But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favour on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.

Philippians 4: 13, Paul said:

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

Spiritual and physical desolation

Brethren, God picked Israel from a place of spiritual and physical desolation and brought them to Himself and proved Himself mighty on their behalf.

In Deuteronomy 32:9-12, Moses - before his dead and hand over to Joshua -, recounted God's faithfulness in a song:

"For the LORD's portion is His people, Jacob (Israel) His allotted inheritance. ¹⁰ In a desert land He found them, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded them and cared for them; He guarded them as the apple of His eye, ¹¹ like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them aloft. ¹² The LORD alone led them; no foreign god was with him (Israel.)"

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Now, He said to them, "if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Brethren, is carrying us on eagles wings this year. Let us enjoy it BUT don't let our guards down – for the diligent hand will be selected to rule!

Like those who have gone before us, we will also say:

"I was lost but now I am found"

"He has redeemed my soul from going to the pit, And my life shall see the light." (Job 33:28)

"He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm" (David - Psalm 40:2)

"You have brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God." (Jonah 2:6)

"The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights." (Habakkuk 3:19)

What a JOY to be carried on eagles wings. GOD BLESS YOU!

