

A stylized, colorful illustration of a landscape. It features rolling green hills in various shades of green, a brown path, a green tree, a purple flower, and an orange bird flying in the sky. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds.

ON EAGLES' WINGS

Exodus 19:4

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2024 Important 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 He has 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 3: 7-8 (AMP and NIV)*

⁷ The LORD said to Moses, “I have in fact seen the affliction (suffering, desolation) of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters (oppressors); for I know their pain and suffering.” ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites”.

Exodus 6: 4 “⁴I also established covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners.”

Second: the actions for fulfilment of promise (journeying to Canaan) – carrying them on eagles’ wings:

- The exodus out of Egypt after 430 years in slavery/bondage: Exodus 12:31-50... they left with silver/gold
- God brought Israelites out of Egypt with a mighty hand (**Daniel 9:15**)
- Crossing the red sea & killing the Egyptians without Israel’s 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.)

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

“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.’

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Brethren, God is carrying us on His wings, one of the things He does in that process is to '*Train us to Maturity*', which is one of the reason He said to the children of Israel ⁵ 'if you obey me **fully** and keep my covenant,...you will be my treasured possession'. This is because God will teach them how to fly.

Isaiah 40:31 says *"they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint."*

Mounting your new wings prepares you to fly.

Two things need to be happening to those who are on eagles wings':

- Strength must be renewed, because you today is different from you yesterday.
- You must be mounting on with wings like the eagle, so that you can continue to fly when God releases you.

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Let's examine eagles' life style and habit:

1. Eagles always build their nests on high places (visioning) where enemies cannot easily reach.
2. Never complaisant (guide your salvation with fear and trembling and fortify yourself in the Lord – 1 Samuel 30:6):
In building their nest, an eagle picks up thorns and lays them on the cliff as an outer shell of protection, and then it brings twigs to form another layer over it for ruggedness and agility. Again it places a layer of thorns over it to prevent enemies penetrating it, and then places a layer of soft-grass just before the inner most layer. The finishing touches for the nest are completed using its feathers placed over the outermost layers of rugs.
3. When eagles get weak because of worn out feathers, which slow down flight speed and maneuvers, the eagles retire away in the rocks

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and will pluck all their old feathers. The eagle retreats to a mountaintop and over a five-month period goes through a metamorphosis. It knocks off its own beak by banging it against a rock, plucks out its talons and then feathers. Each stage produces a regrowth of the removed body parts, allowing the eagle to live for another 30 – 40 years.

The Isaiah 40:31 we read says *“they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.*

Being on eagles' wings is an intimacy opportunity that should enable us to renew our strength and mount up our wings.

What do you see as a destination? What wings do you currently have that cannot get you there? – you need to pluck them out. What wings do we need that can get us there? – we need to mount them on.

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The comforting thing is that the plucking off and mounting on new wings, both happen simultaneously and for each of them, we have the privilege of being guided and aided by the Lord.

All we need to show are: **vision, hunger and willingness (which manifest in our ask, seek and knock).**

Vision: God is interested in our ability to see far

Jeremiah 1:11-13 *“The LORD asked me, ‘Jeremiah, what do you see?’ I answered, ‘A branch of an almond tree.’ ‘You are right,’ the LORD said, ‘and I am watching to see that my words come true.’ Then the LORD spoke to me again. ‘What else do you see?’”*

Hunger

Psalm 146:7 *“God ... gives food to the hungry.”*

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Willingness (which manifest in our ask, seek and knock).

Isaiah 1:19-20 says *“19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; 20 but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.”*

James 4:2-3 *“²You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*

Matthew 7:7-12 says *“⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”*

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Brethren, as we are being carried on eagles wings, we need to demonstrate: **vision, hunger and willingness.**

The Israelites failed at these, and therefore suffered for it:

1. They lacked vision: Though the Lord had shown them the destination, many times, they spoke allowed that they wanted to go back to Egypt.

In Philippians 3:13-14, Paul said:

“¹³... one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me.”

You cannot press towards a goal you do not see. Vision is key and will help to keep your steam up.

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2. They lacked hunger

Hunger causes us to seek. And when we seek, we will find.

When eagles experience slow down in flight speed and maneuvers, the eagles retire away in the rocks to renew their strength and mount on new wings. This is the time for:

- introspection,
- Shedding old wings
- Mounting new wings

Are their new skills, relationships and partnerships you need to get to the destination you see? It is time to pick them up.

The eagles do this typically over five-months.

This period of mounting new wings is time bound, so must do it urgently.

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The children of Israel failed to utilize the time to mount their wings. Instead,

In Exodus 32: 1, bible says

“When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”

They did not realize that God provided that time to enable them mount on wings: build their faith and resilience that would enable cross to promised land.

For us, it is time to **gain necessary new skills, build new relationships & partnerships** to enable us go up the new destination.

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3. They lacked willingness

Like we said, this is manifested in asking, seeking and knocking.

For every issue the children of Israel had, they found who to blame: Moses (and sometime and Aaron).

Though God said to them “Now if you obey me **fully** and keep my covenant”, they never for once turned to God for help. Instead, they consistently blamed Moses instead of asking God for strategies and solution.

But Joshua shows us what could have been possible: ASK GOD FOR STRATEGY!

Joshua 32:1-

“¹Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. (Joshua turned to the Lord and asked). ² Then the LORD said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. ³ March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. ⁴ Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. ⁵ When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

Brethren, when Joshua executed the strategy, the walls fell down flat.

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Conclusion:

As we are on eagles' wings, there is time to be in motion, time to wait and quickly mount wings that would enable us to fly higher.

- Gain new skills,
- build new relationships,
- build new partnerships.

And do everything in our fortified nest in the Lord.

God bless you.



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