

ON EAGLES' WINGS

Exodus 19:4

11 Days vs 40 Years

Part 6: **Lift Up Your Heads, O You Gates.**

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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

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Brethren, God gave us Psalm 23:1-6, in which we see God's qualities as our shepherd, He will position us and make our cup overflow. He renews and restores us (v3), guides and directs us (v3), corrects and comforts us (v4). There are old ancient gates and ways of life that must, therefore, give way for God to complete His work in our life.

Today, those old ancient gates and ways must step aside for God to fully enter and do His work. In Psalm 24, David showed us an example of how to take a stand against our old ancient gates (that have the potential to hinder us from getting the fullness of God's blessings).

“The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;” (v1), And that the one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god (v5), will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Saviour (v6).

Therefore, David took a stand against all ancient ways and gates in his life so that God can take full control: “Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in (v7).” “Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle (v8).

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Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty— He is the King of glory. (v9-10).

Brethren, we must recognize and break open all old gates so that God can come through and complete His work in our lives.

Unfortunately, this was what the Israelites failed to do and so 'the string of their old ways, old life and old gates' was always pulling them back to Egypt. This not only led to them losing the blessings of God but it also cost them their lives.

For more than 14 times before their 40 years of punishment that saw them dead, this string was pulling them back to Egypt even after they had believed that God had come to deliver them and had bowed down and worshipped God (Exodus 4:29-31):

- 1. The Israelites complained to Moses that because of him and his talk of a promise land, Pharaoh worsen their labour (Exodus 5:1-22)*
- 2. "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? ... Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'?(Exodus 14:11-12)*

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3. Complained over the bitter water at Marah – Sometimes God will demand you to change what you once enjoyed including food/diet, from the things of the world to the things of God (Exodus 15: 22-24)
4. Complained on hunger: No food in Egypt?; God gave Manna (Exo. 16:3)
5. Disobedience: Collecting more manna than instructed (Exodus 16:20)
6. Disobedience: to collect manna on the Sabbath (Exodus 16:27-29)
7. Complaining about thirst: “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?” (Exodus 17:2-3)
8. Lacked spiritual understanding (As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.) and worshipped the golden calf; (Exodus 32: 1, 7-10)

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9. They forsake the Lord. The Lord orders the Levites to kill 3000 people by the sword (Exodus 32: 28)
10. Complained about their troubles, the Lord burns the outskirts of the camp (Numbers 11:1-2)
11. Complaining over the lack of food - "Oh that we had meat to eat! (Numb. 11:4)
12. Anger of the LORD was kindled and the LORD struck them with very great plague (Numbers 11: 33)
13. Complained about how difficult it looked to conquer the giants in the land so they refused to enter the Promise Land.(Num. 14:1-10)
14. They treat God with contempt. Refused to believe in Him, and wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb God decided to strike them down with a plague and destroy them (Numbers 14:10-12)

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What Gates and Ancient Doors do we need opened that the King of glory may come in?

1. Anything that prevents the flow of fullness of God's joy and presence in your life.
2. doors that have been shut for years.
3. That door that looks shut; you feel permanently locked out.
4. Ancient Doors of working hard, but not getting good outcome.
5. That burden that has troubled you for too long.
6. The addiction that still lingers.
7. Things you have been shut out of by lack, depression, low self-esteem, or mediocrity.
8. Low faith or unbelieve you have condoned for so long.
9. Disobedience that has lingered especially to God's instruction or Holy Sprit direction.
10. Lingering refusal to change a lifestyle or life preference.
11. Negligence, lack of diligence, nonchalant attitude that have lingered for long.

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Conclusion

Call your gates (ancient doors) by name!

Then, consistently and vehemently ...

- Command them *“Lift Up Your Heads”, O You Gates, that the King of glory may come in.”*
- Gates (ancient doors) have senses, so they can hear, speak and see.
- So they will ask you *“Who is this King of glory? (Psalm 24:8)*
- **Then you will answer them:** *“The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. - The LORD Almighty— He is the King of glory.”*
- Imagine and celebrate with JOY the king’s triumphal entry into your life to carry you on His eagles’ wings.
- *“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7).*

God Bless You



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