

## To Soar On Wings Like Eagles, *by Lois Burgher*

One of my favorite worship songs in the past 7 years has been from Isaiah 40. This month I am going to explore the characteristics of the eagle that symbolizes our Father God renewing and restoring His people.

The scripture paints a wonderful picture of our God who not only rescues us on His wings but also brings hope, strength, and power as we wait on Him.

“Even youths shall faint and be weary, and (selected) young men shall freely stumble and fall exhausted. But those who wait for the Lord (who expect, look for, and hope in Him) shall change and renew their strength and power, they shall lift their wings and mount up (close to God) as eagles, (mount up to the sun) they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired, Isaiah 40:30-32 AMP Bible. The NJK version says, *“They shall soar on wings like eagles.”*”

I first heard this amazing story from a Pastor friend in Montana and then again I found this information on the internet concerning the life of the golden eagle. It states that they have learned that when a golden eagle reaches the approximate age of 50 years his beak begins to freeze shut, and he can no longer eat. Some of the eagles give up and die, but others find a cave or a cleft in the rock where water is present.

The old eagle goes into a cave and beats his beak on a rock until it is broken off. The eagle drinks water for about 40 days until it grows a new beak. The eagle then pulls its old feathers out and an oil sack grows over the heart and is filled with oil.

The eagle then breaks the oil sack with the new beak and spreads oil over his body. Beautiful new feathers grow in, and the eagle is renewed. The eagle’s body is also strengthened through this process, and the regenerated eagle is able to fly higher than ever before and can see better than before.

NOTE FROM LOIS: *“In my further research on eagles, I was not able to find information backing the above story about how an old eagle renews itself. However I did find similar stories under Indian folklore. I have been blessed by this story and regardless of whether it is fact or allegory, it is quickened to me.”*

I believe this could be seen as a prophetic picture of God’s people and what can happen when the old ones get tired, become discouraged, and are ready to give up. Sadly there are the ones whom do give up-but this is a note of encouragement for those who persevere and a picture of what happens when we do “wait” on Him.

It is the ones who find Him in the shelter and in the cleft of the rock and allow Him to help us get rid of the old “beak” or stuff that has been weighing us down. It is a decision to let the old go, to live in forgiveness and to give Him our disappointments, our tiredness, and brokenness. The breaking of the old beak is a symbolic picture of our “brokenness” before Him.

In Psalm 51:17 it says, *“the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, Oh God you will not despise.”*

And then to drink of His spirit, of his refreshing cool water, to allow Him to change us through the sacrifice, through the submission of our own will to do His, because we know our Father is the one who is always faithful, gives us rest and will restore us.

The oil sack over our hearts is the symbol of the Holy Spirit covering our emotions and as we allow the Holy Spirit to saturate our emotions the oil of His spirit covers our entire being and

brings restoration, regenerating power, hope and strength as the scripture tells us. He brings us those new wings to mount up even closer to Him and our vision and hope is renewed even better than we had before. Yea God!

So whether you are a youth that is faint and weary, or an older believer in need of His regenerating power and new wings to fly-He promises to renew and restore us as we “wait” hope in Him.

Find that place in the cleft of the rock, because in His presence is life, strength, power, and hope, and each time we wait we are regenerated to be more like Him.

**Taste and see that He is good.**

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