

THE WAY OF AN EAGLE

PROVERBS 30:19 & OTHERS

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Introduction:

The eagle is referred to in the Bible 25 times. In our text the writer states that again:

Proverbs 30:18-19

¹⁸There be three *things which* are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: ¹⁹The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

He refers to the eagle in the air.

I want to share some things that we can learn from the eagle.

The eagle is the most majestic of all birds mentioned in the Scriptures.

Another passage I want us to consider is Exodus 19:3-4; and Deuteronomy 32:1-12

Exodus 19:3-4

³ And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; ⁴ Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

Deuteronomy 32:1-12

¹ Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. ² My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: ³ Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. ⁴ *He is* the Rock, his work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right *is* he. ⁵ They have corrupted themselves, their spot *is* not *the spot* of his children: *they are* a perverse and crooked generation. ⁶ Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? *is* not he thy father *that* hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee? ⁷ Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee. ⁸ When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. ⁹ For the LORD'S portion *is* his people; Jacob *is* the lot of his inheritance. ¹⁰ He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. ¹¹ As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: ¹² *So* the LORD alone did lead him, and *there was* no strange god with him.

God is reminding Moses of how that He had delivered the children of Israel. And God is reminding them that it was not the promise land that He was bringing them to but rather to Himself.

That is what God's concern is. Not so much the geographic location, but rather getting to know God.

Do we know Him?

Do we know Him as our Saviour?

Do we know Him?

But beyond that we ought to talk more about this than just our birth.

Most Christians spend all their Christian life just talking about their spiritual birth.

But what about our lives as Christians?

Go said to Moses I brought you unto myself. I want you to know me.

God desires the same for us today. He wants us to know him.

Illustration:

I remember a story that I once heard about about a boy watching people stir a fire with a poker.

He said that you could put the poker in the fire and stir up the fire, and leave the poker in the fire for a while, and when you pulled the poker out you could feel the heat from that metal rod. You dare not touch it or you would be burned. But you could feel the heat from that metal rod.

Then he said as the fire increased in its intensity and burned brightly you could leave the poker in the fire long enough that the red hot flames of the fire became apparent in that poker. And when you would pull the poker out of the fire it was not only filled with heat, but had turned red as the fire.

Not only did it have heat, but it glowed with the glory of the fire.

Sadly today, most Christians are content just to get a little bit of heat. Just to be able to say I have been with the Lord to get saved.

But there are some people who dare walk with God and know Him in such away, that they have His glow upon them.

I desire to have His glory or glow upon my life. I want His glory on my life. Do you want His glory on your life?

That is what the Lord desires for us.

To be brought unto Himself.

May we see Him with His glory on our lives, and serve Him with His glory on our lives, and preach with His glory on our life and witness with His glory on our life.

Everything that you and I go through is there to bring us unto to Himself. And may we allow it to do just that very thing.

Deuteronomy 32:9-12

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What is it that God is doing? God is working in His people. And the reason so is that He wants to bring me unto Himself.

Now how does God work? Well the Bible says if we can see how the eagle works then we can know how God works. As an eagle ... so the Lord.

1. AS AN EAGLE BUILDS ... SO THE LORD BUILDS.

- A. Great care is given is locating, and finding materials to build a nest.
- B. Much time and effort is put into the building the nest.
- C. The same is true, God is building our lives.

Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Deuteronomy 32:4

⁴*He is* the Rock, his work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right *is* he.

1. His work is not always beautiful.

Illustration:

Building a house

Foundations must be laid, walls must be framed in, and, and trusses must be put into place. Plumbing must be rough in as well as the electric. And all of these things are not very attractive, but must be put

into place in before something a greatness to be developed.

2. AS AN EAGLE BREAKS ... SO THE LORD BREAKS

Now this does not make a lot of sense to us until we see why this takes place in and with the eagle.

A. The mother eagle hatches the eggs and the eaglets begin to grow but their mother knows that the nest was not where they were born to be.

B. So the mother eagle begins to break up the nest to make them a little uncomfortable.

C. So the Lord brings thing to make us uncomfortable to get us to the place that we are doing what we were intended to do.

D. That nest of comfort, which so much time was spent in building, is now being broke up to bring discomfort, in order to bring about some change.

E. We need not be concerned about keeping a comfortable nest.

F. We need to stop looking at the broken nest and start looking beyond the nest.

Illustration:

The small eagles' begin to look beyond the nest and sees their mother gliding majestically in the air. And they begin to want that.

G. The more uncomfortable that we become the closer we get to God.

H. God is in the disturbance as well as in the deliverance.

3. AS AN EAGLE BROODS ... SO THE LORD BROODS OVER US.

A. The eaglets have grown uncomfortable, and have got the urge to do something they have never done in flying.

Deuteronomy 32:11

¹¹ As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:

B. Her eyes are always on the little ones.

C. The same is true in our lives, God is always watching over us.

Hebrews 13:5

⁵ *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Psalm 33:18

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

Job 28:10

¹⁰ He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.

4. AS AN EAGLE BEARS ... SO THE LORD BEARS

Deuteronomy 32:11

¹¹ As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:

A. The little eagles are now trying to fly, and when they get tired, mother swoops below them and bears them on her wings and lets them try again.

B. Isn't nice to know that the bottom is where the Lord is.

2 Timothy 2:19

¹⁹ Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Isaiah 28:16

¹⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

C. And when we fall or fail in service He is there to bear us up.

Illustration:

The song writer said it well. (Read words to How Firm A Foundation. Read 3rd verse of Leaning on the Everlasting Arms).

Close:

We all come to the place and desire that we can escape the breaking up time. But God says, "If you want to get to know me, you're going to have to get out of the nest of comfort and do some things that you have never had to do.

The process never ends. He builds, and breaks, and broods and bears. He builds, and breaks, and broods and bears. He builds, and breaks, and broods and bears. And some day we will look back and say "God, thank you for letting me get to know you.

How many would say that the Lord is speaking to you today.

How many here today are sure that Heaven is your home. How many do not know that for sure if you died that you would go to Heaven, but you want to go there would you raise your hand so that we can pray for you.

How many have trusted Christ but have never followed Him in believers baptism.

How many here would say I want to get to know the Lord in a better way.