

To Soar on Wings as Eagles

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I. Introduction.

- A. God uses things of nature to reveal himself to us.
- B. God compares himself to an eagle and us to eagles.
- C. God gave the title “king of the birds” to the eagle.

II. God compares himself and us to an eagles.

- A. An eagle was created to live in the heavens as Christians were. (Ephesians 2:6)
- B. The eagle finds only that which is alive and fresh for food as Christians should.
 - 1. A poor spiritual diet will result in poor spiritual health. This will decrease tolerance as well.
 - 2. Eagle Christians seek out the Word for health. (Hebrews 4:12; Proverbs 4:23; 4:20-22; Jeremiah 15:16)
- C. When eagles find their mate, they will remain together for life. God has intended partners to remain together for life.
- D. Eagles stay in the same home for fifty years, so they have to find secure homes high against a rock wall. Both the husband and wife are committed to building the home unlike other birds.
 - 1. Both Christian spouses should be devoted to building their home.
 - 2. People need to get alone and be with God. (Job 39:27-29; Philippians 3:14; Colossians 3:1-2; Psalm 91)
- E. Eagles build a new nest on the old one to allow smaller birds to nest in the lower parts. Older Christians should protect the younger ones. (Romans 15:1-3)
- F. Eagles endure the winter months.
 - 1. Christians have a season of winter where their spiritual life undergoes a barren time.
 - 2. Grace grows best in winter.
 - 3. Do not simply try to do more and do not quit. .
- G. God is lovingly kind toward us like a Father-eagle in what he lets us see to beautify our lives. (Psalm 63:3)
- H. The mother eagle always protects her young. Jesus is with us always. (1 Thessalonians 2:7)

- I. Every new Christian needs spiritual parents to help them grow.
- J. The eagle grows by comfort removal. We learn things from hardship in hindsight. We learn our weaknesses and grow from them.
- K. Eagles are unattractive when they are first born, but they have a gold crown of maturity that is developing.
- L. Some eagles grow at different speeds. Christians should not compare their growth to others.
- M. Eagles look more like their parents when they mature. We look more like God when we mature. (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- N. The father eagle saves the baby eagle at the last minute during flying training. The father eagle must be a precision pilot.
 - 1. What appears to be cruelty, is the most beneficial thing.
 - 2. God teaches Christians to walk and eventually run. (Deuteronomy 32:11)
- O. God brings us to himself as on wings of eagles. (Exodus 19:4)
- P. Eagles must prune themselves for cleaning, which is necessary for collecting food.
 - 1. Christians should prepare themselves for the world through sanctification.
 - 2. They should have daily quiet times.
- Q. The eagle's primary enemy is the serpent, just as man's is.
- R. The eagle drops the serpent on the rock, which pictures Jesus.
- S. The eagle spends alone time in the sky. The Christian should spend solitary time with God as well. (Philippians 3:14)
- T. Eagles see storms from a great distance, but they are not afraid of them.
 - 1. They use the strong winds that accompany the storm to rise above the storm. The only exception is the mother who stays with her young.
 - 2. The eagle Christian rises above the storm by drawing close to God. (Palm 91:4)
- U. The eagle locates a sunny spot and prostrates himself when he is sick in order to heal.
 - 1. When Christians ingest something false, they become sick.
 - 2. They need to prostrate themselves before God.
- V. The eagle molts for renewal. The Christians need to experience renewal as well.

III. Conclusion.

Application questions:

1. What are some of the observations about the eagle that stood out to you the most?

2. What can you do to become more of an eagle-Christian?

3. In what ways does your view of God need to change in light of the eagle metaphor he uses to explain himself in Scripture? Explain.
