

## ***THE YOUNG EAGLE'S FLIGHT***

***“10 In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye, 11 like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions.” (Deuteronomy 32:10-11)***

The eagle is one of the strong birds. It builds its nest on the mountain cleft and makes its home to care for its little ones. The nest of the eagle is built up from thorns and small sticks and lined with hay and straw. So it has smooth bed that is suitable and comfortable for the young one to live in and grow until it reaches a suitable age and size. When the young is more mature and goes into a higher stage of growth, soon it will leave the nest to find its own food. But because the young one is happy and is comfortable in the nest it has no interest to move out. It knows that it is harder to live outside; it needs to explore the world and do new things to work for its own living.

Because the young eagle refuses to come out from the nest, so the mother eagle will stir up the nest and once the nest got stirred the straws and hays are moved away and the thorns and sticks are exposed that makes the nest uncomfortable place to stay. Until finally the thorns and sticks cause the young eagle to decide to leave the place. It will stand at the brim of the nest looking at the sky around them and down to the ground below while the mother eagle watches carefully. She will not leave the young eagle alone. Then once more the mother eagle stirs up the nest and the young will jump in the sky and try to fly while the mother eagle is after it watching closely. As the young eagle is flying for the first moment it cannot keep on; it will start to fall down to the ground. And what the mother eagle will do? While she is flying, she will open her pinions (wings) and spread wide and will fly under the young eagle to carry it on her wings. Standing on the mother's wing, the young one gets rest and soon again ready for another try to fly until it is trained to fly high alone.

Like the mother eagle caring for her young, the Lord is dealing with us in the same manner. God had sent His Son Jesus: ***“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)*** Jesus came down from heaven to save us. He paid the price for our sins by His own blood that was shed on the cross. Jesus died, He was buried and on the third day raised from the dead to give eternal life to those who receive Him as Savior and Lord.

Jesus came for His own people, but His own did not receive Him. ***“Yet to all who receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God,” (John 1:12)***

Through believing in Jesus we become children of God and God starts to treat us as His children. As we read how the mother eagle cares for her young, God cares for us the same. He feeds and provides us with life necessities but time comes when we are grown up in faith and reach spiritual maturity. Then God starts to push us out of our comfort zones to face the reality of life, but yet He continually watches over us:

1. ***The Lord will teach you and train you:*** As you come to know the Lord and become His child, the Lord will take care of you from early stage to a higher level of your growth, and will make you experience new life events and circumstances. The Lord God will teach you how to become an over-comer. He will push you to a certain task that you have not yet done before. He will encourage you and strengthen you to do things for Him until He has built your confidence in Him that you will say, ***“I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13)***
2. ***The Lord will watch over you:*** God will take care of you as His child. The Lord God will nurture you, will feed you and provide to you the life necessities. He will protect you from sickness, accidents, dangers, and from enemies. ***“The Lord watches over you, the Lord is your shade at your right hand.” (Psalms 121:5)***
3. ***The Lord God will neither leave you nor forsake you:*** Like the example of the eagle's flight, how the mother eagle does not allow her young to fall down and be crushed, the same is with our Lord. ***“He will not let your foot slip. He who watches over you will not slumber.” (Psalms 121:3)*** The Lord God will not leave you alone in the middle of the way. ***“And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13)***
4. ***“The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it.” (1 Thessalonians 4:24)*** The fears and worries of this life that press on you may give you the impression that you cannot continue. You lose hope and you are totally a failure. But as the mother eagle goes under her young and lift it up, God will do the same with you. Even in the moment that you think it is impossible to be restored or to achieve something, the Lord will interfere and reverse things back to the right path. God will make a way to what is impossible for you to do, because the one who call you is faithful and He will do it.

***My dear and beloved:*** Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.

***Prayer:*** *“Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name of Jesus who died for me on the cross to give me eternal life. Lord, I commit myself to You. Like a young eagle, O Lord, I pray, lift me up, save me, guide me and lead me in your safe way. Thank You, Lord. This is my prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.”*