

Remnant Life Church  
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## **Becoming An Eagle Christian**

### **Part V**

“Under God’s Wing”.

The parent eagle will spread its great wings out to cover its young in times of storm or danger.

- The eagle will relentlessly defend its young and nest against intruders.
- In times of great storms, the eagle will shield the nest and even give its life to protect the young.

There are many storms brewing around us every day:

- 60 countries currently at war or in armed conflict
- 459 separatists/militia groups involved
  - **Matt 24** – Jesus said not to be alarmed when we see these things
- Closer to home
  - Violent crime continues to increase
  - Cybercrime is escalating
  - Our government was shut down for over 2 weeks recently costing 24 billion

**Psalm 91:1-4** - *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty; I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence. (4) He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*

Three thoughts (triad) given in this 4<sup>th</sup> verse:

#### **1. The covering wing**

- a. Author of Psalm 91 is unassigned although there are strong arguments for both David and Moses, the writer of the previous Psalm (90)
- b. Both men knew hardship and comfort; victory and defeat and were called to lead a nation
  - i. The tone of this verse is similar to what Moses wrote in **Deut 32:11**
  - ii. *As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings,*
  - iii. Both would have been familiar with the text
    - Deut – on her wing (KJV)
    - Psalms – under the wing
- c. The covering (saw – heck) also means to weave together
  - i. The covering is not partial
  - ii. It is not incomplete
  - iii. It is all around us - it means to envelope

#### **2. Under His wings you will find refuge**

- a. There is a vivid picture of the urgency of our faith in Him and His love for us
  - i. Refuge means shelter or protection from danger

- ii. In the original language it means to take asylum
- iii. Cuban baseball players – Renee Arocha - 1991
- b. Many great hymns written about God’s protective love
- c. Edward Mote – c 1834

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.*

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.*

### 3. His faithfulness will be our shield and our rampart

- a. This is a core aspect of the very nature of God revealed to us – His faithfulness (sureness, continuance, truth)
- b. Why would a person seek a place of refuge without knowing if they will be safe?
- **Psalm 89:8** - *Who is like you, LORD God Almighty? You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.* (Surrounds – on all sides)
- c. Rampart - tall thick stone or dirt wall to protect an area from invasion – wall of Jerusalem; wall of Jericho; Great Wall of China)
- d. Shield – **Eph.6:16** –
  - i. Not the small fighting shield that protected the arm and allowed for penetration
  - ii. The large shield that will protect the whole body

The greatest battles we will face however are not in the natural but in the spiritual:

- The greatest ultimate loss of a physical battle is our natural life
- The greatest ultimate loss of a spiritual battle is our eternity

### Back to the Eagle

1. The snake is one of the primary enemies of the young ground eagle.
2. The mother will present itself as a target to protect its young.
3. The eagle will cause the serpent to strike and miss exposing its head.
4. With lightning speed the eagle will strike and grasp the snake with its talons.
5. The snake will be taken to a rock or high tree where it will be passed along through the talons until the head is reached.
6. The eagle will decapitate the snake with its beak and return the body to the nest for the young to feed on.
7. If the snake is too large to remove the head the eagle will soar high into the air and drop the snake on a rock until it is dead

### Warring with the Spiritual Snake

1. There are 4 different words used to describe the snake in the Bible
2. The head in the Scriptures represents power and authority.
3. By His life, death and crucifixion, Jesus removed Satan’s head/authority

- a. **Gen. 3:15** – God states that the head of the serpent will be crushed
- b. **I John 5:18** - *We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.*
- 4. We too have the ability to be triumphant in our lives over the enemy through the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - a. **Luke 10:19** - *I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy*
  - b. Authority – also means the right to; the right we have as children of God
- 5. Just as the eagle uses its beak to overpower the serpent, we too have our “beak” - our mouth.
- 6. From our mouth comes the Word of God which is a sword. (**Eph. 6:17**)
- 7. Jesus defeated Satan in the desert with His mouth by speaking the Word.

The eagle provides us with a picture of how we should deal with the spiritual attacks of our lives –

- 1. First, use our “beak” to speak the Word of God and then...
- 2. Cast it on the “Rock” which is the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - a. **Psalms 95:1** - *Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.*
  - b. **Isa 36:4** - *Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal.*

Vs. 3 - His oath, His covenant, and blood; Support me in the whelming flood; When every earthly prop gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay.

- 1. His love will cover and protect us every day but especially in the time of the storms
- 2. Trust Him and His faithfulness
- 3. Have no fear
  - a. **Psalm 23:4** - *...though I walk through the darkest valley I will fear no evil for you are with me*