

Wings

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 40:25-31

*Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.
Isaiah 40:31 —*

As we look up into the skies, our eyes may catch sight of a majestic bird (maybe even an eagle) soaring through the heavens—oh, the freedom, the power, the grace! Today we might be able to fly in an airplane, but that's not the same as soaring on eagles' wings. Our verse for today, though, says we will soar like eagles because our hope is in the Lord.

Are you catching on to what I am seeing? The people of God were in exile. They were despondent and feeling hopeless. Worst of all, it seemed that God had abandoned or forgotten them. Listen to their lament: "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God."

Perhaps we have felt the same way. We can be victims of crime, disease, abuse, and divorce; we can suffer devastating loss. Recently I heard a young woman share her story of abuse, addiction, homelessness, and thoughts of suicide. The devil tried to convince her that she was worthless and did not deserve any blessing. But she learned to fly! How? By placing her hope and trust in the Lord Jesus, who came to this world to give us life "to the full" (John 10:10).

God means for us all to soar with hope—both now and forever. With the God who "will not grow tired or weary," life is never hopeless. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we may be filled with the hope of full life, assured by God's Spirit that his promises are true.

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for always watching over us. Help us to place our faith and hope in you, that we may soar like eagles, lifted up by your Spirit. Amen.

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