

On Eagles Wings: 2

Rise Up on the Wings of Strength

Isaiah 40.29-31

“He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40.29-31

God delivered His children and brought them to Himself. He made them a nation to be His very own - 1 Peter 2.9

David knew the deliverance of God and could testify:

- Psalm 27.5 - “in the time of trouble.. He shall set me high upon a rock”
- Psalm 34.19, “many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all”

God delivers us from afflictions and troubles, but those afflictions can leave us feeling weak, weary and drained like the battle scars on a soldier having come through an intense war.

In our text verse we see that God gives us a precious promise:

“He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength” – God's power will come upon those that have been left weakened and wearied by the trial to lift, strengthen and energise them.

Paul had first hand experience of this. He bore the battle scars but found the power of God's grace to be His help and strength.

“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest on me.. for when I am weak, then I am strong” 2 Corinthians 12.9-10

The words '*made perfect*' have the understanding of being 'complete, completeness; to be at its most effective; to bring to an end'

Paul writes to the Ephesian church in Ephesians 3.13-16

“don't lose heart, don't faint or be wearied or quit because of tribulation and affliction, I'm praying that you will be strengthened with might in the inner man by the Spirit of God” (my paraphrase)

“Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,”

- not just the elderly and aged that get weary, the young do as well.

Even Jesus got weary at times:

John 4.6 – wearied because of the journey

Luke 8.22-23 – Jesus had been ministering all day and had become weary. He fell asleep in the boat.

In our weariness we can rise up on the wings of strength -

“those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”

Wait – to eagerly look for, to rely on

The eagle is relied upon by her young, she looks out for them; she feeds them; she teaches them to observe the warm currents that will cause them to rise and mount up.

- Our strength comes from the Lord - He increases our strength
- He bears us up on His wings of strength.

Psalm 27.13-14

I would have lost heart – to become weary and faint

Wait on the Lord.. He shall strengthen your heart... He will cause you to mount up on the wings of strength.