

# "ON EAGLES' WINGS MINISTRIES"

*See how I bare you on eagles' wings and brought you unto myself." Exodus 19: 4.*

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*"Ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you."* John 16:22,23. These words were spoken by Jesus Christ, only a few days before his arrest, trial, crucifixion, burial, resurrection and ascension into heaven. Over that short period of time, the disciples underwent tumultuous changes, that, without possessing the gift of the Holy Ghost, was almost too much for an ordinary person to bear, or to comprehend.

Like us today, the disciples back then had to pick and choose parts and portions of the words of Christ that they could use as reinforcement against doubts, fears and anxiety. At that time they did not know it, but within ten days or so, the Holy Ghost would fill the room where they would be sitting, waiting for the promise of the Father, as Jesus had commanded them. He was emphatic in his command: "Do not depart from Jerusalem, until you have received the promise of the Father. *"And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me."* Acts 1:4.

We have read it over and over, and have heard it preached over om-teen years, how the Holy Ghost fell upon at least one hundred and twenty souls, who were locked in the upper room for at least ten days so far, really, to fulfill the fifty days from the Passover feast, to the feast of Pentecost. We need to recognize the reason, and spiritual reality behind all of these feasts and ceremonies observed by Israel in those days. Actually, we should learn to discern the reality of all that God does in our lives from time to time. Listen to this! God does not speak, simply to be saying something. Every word He speaks, whether to the creation at large, or to you as an individual is a "creative word."

The prophet, away back in about B.C.1042 wrote: *"By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them (insert any number you wish) by the breath of his mouth. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast."* Psalm 33:6,9. My dear friend, allow me to suggest this to you! These truths that were spoken and written more than two thousand years ago, were not meant to

serve merely a single generation. And I must add this bit of assurance for the sake of building of your faith in what God said, and what he is saying now. God does not write a letter to Royce Kennedy, or to sister Mary.

God will speak to you individually, but mostly in a gathering of saints where the gifts of the Spirit are in operation. Nevertheless, when you read the word of God treat it as if God spoke it just yesterday, and since he did not sign a specific name to it, take it as a message spoken directly to you. The following was uttered by Isaiah the prophet in about the year B.C. 712: but even today, you can claim it for yourself, and your claim cannot be contested. Like in the old days of gold rush in the West, just lay your claim on the ground, and have it registered. Back in those days, long lines of people trying to file their claim resulted in angry folks, temper getting heated, and even violence breaking out. What I am offering as you read this study comes to you in the comfort of your home.

In spelling out his terms, God was careful in putting the difference between himself and us. *“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my way saith the Lord...For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”* Isaiah 55:7-11.

What truths have we been given here? Like we said, these words were given to the prophet back in about B.C.712. Add another 2022 years since Christ, and the alarming thing is that those words are still valid as in the day they were spoken. As a matter of personal choice, it us up to you how you handle this process. But before you heap large and heavy burdens upon yourself, bear in mind the God of heaven never fails, and he is not man, that he should lie, neither is he the son of man that he should repent (change his mind.) Numbers 23:19. The crux of this lesson is that every word spoken by Christ in his short thirty three and one half years of ministry, still remains valid and effective as the day in which they were spoken.

As they say in politics: “There is no need to reinvent the wheel.” So it is with the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was the stone that was rejected but became the head of the building. As we are told: *“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ.”* 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:11. The Lord did not set forth to write the scriptures every day; and as an alternative, he inspired men and women to write his words, with the intent that they would remain valid and relative down through the corridor of time. Thus, it is up to us, male and female, parents and children to properly divide what we read, and to carefully apply each truth where it belongs. Let us revisit the years long time ago!

God usually put conditions to his blessings and to his curses and leaves the decision up to us. For instance, let us read the following: *“If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that health thee.” Exodus 15:26.*

This promise of healing and divine health was made by the Lord himself, and it remains valid today, dating back from about the year B.C.1491. It is not like an insurance policy that must be renewed annually. Here is a simple acknowledgment, every time you read these truths, treating it as God himself taking time to speak them to you. Let me share an incident that happened in this ministry back in about 1983.

My mother passed in March 1984, and she lived in Jamaica, about 23 miles inland from Montego Bay Airport. I used to visit about once a year, and when I did that Sunday was left open for me to minister in both services, I would fly back to the U.S. the following Monday.

After returning home to Maryland from one such visit, about three weeks later I received a letter from my mother in which she told me of a certain sister who was very sick with a severe case of gout and she had a doctor’s appointment for the next morning (Monday.) As I do after preaching each service, I gave an altar call for everyone with a need to come forward. In her account to my mother, this sister said the Lord said to her. “You need to go and let the evangelist pray for you before he leaves tomorrow.” I saw her standing at the altar, but I did not speak with her to ask what she needed from the Lord. I prayed a single prayer for everyone standing in the line and soon, the service ended, and I flew back to the U.S. the next morning.

In her testimony to my mother, who passed on the information to me by letter, the sister said that on her way home after receiving prayer, she began to itch all over in so much, it was almost unbearable. She went to the doctor the next morning keeping her doctor’s appointment. The doctor could find no trace of the gout and sent her home feeling fine. These incidents of healings and deliverance are not unusual to anyone who will ask the Lord and exercise simple faith in God’s word, even as it was spoken at the beginning of the world, in the infancy of creation. God speaks to us when we read the bible, when we listen to a preacher, and when we go to him in prayer. But I have said many times in sermons, some people spend so much time praying to God, that they fail to hear his reply. It is like speaking on the telephone. You just don’t say “hello” and keep speaking in so much, the other party can’t get a word in. Listen to what the Lord said to all of us! *“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord.” Isaiah 1:18.* In other words, pull up a chair, or come over and join me on the deck chair, and allow me to bring some ice-cold tropical fruit drinks.

The main truth about Pentecost, is in that out pouring out of the Holy Spirit, for the first time in history, human beings became filled with Christ Jesus coming to live and to abide within us human beings. Let us repeat the verse confirming this truth. *“Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth **with you**, and shall be **IN YOU**. I will not leave you comfortless: **I WILL COME TO YOU**.”* This he did, when, as the Holy Ghost, on the day of Pentecost, he filled the room, sat upon the head of each person in the room, and filled them all with the Holy Ghost. But I want you to extricate one statement that Christ made as a promise to his disciples; and that includes us today.

That happened about 2022 year ago, and Christ has never packed up and moved to another dwelling place. He has promised to live in us, and to abide in us until the end of time. As Jacob fled as a fugitive from the wrath of his brother Esau, he came upon a spot of ground where he decided to bed down for the night. We are all familiar with his dream of a ladder that reached from earth to heaven, with angels descending and ascending upon it, and the Lord standing above it. Make a little note of this and place it on your computer desk, or on the edge of your dinner table, or on your desk at work. *“**I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.**” **John 14:18.*** Perhaps you have had the “born again experience” for years now. But there are times amid pressures of various kinds, you feel alone, and that God seems to be far away, or that he is busy taking care of other problems that seems to be more urgent and destructive for others. The truth is that God can handle the cares and concerns of the whole world all at once.

God does not act, based upon how we feel, or what kind of mindset we exhibit on any given day. Let us look at the case of Jacob, as he fled from the wrath and anger of his brother Esau. In his flight as a fugitive, he came upon a piece of ground where he gathered stones and set up a sleeping place and made the stones much like a pillow. He fell asleep and he his famous dream is now called “Jacob’s Ladder.” Let us read what God said to this fugitive. Perhaps Jacob was well deserved of a good thrashing for the way he stole his brother’s inheritance and was not fleeing for refuge just about anywhere he could find it. Here is his dream!

*“And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed. And behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places wither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.” **Genesis 28:11-15.*** God, who spoke to Jacob in about the year B.C.1760, and promised not to leave him until all his promises are fulfilled; He remains just as faithful to us today—in spite of our feelings, and all that seems to be misfortunes. Take a look at your life in retrospect, and reminiscence over the wonderful feelings you once enjoyed. Put in focus the zeal you once had for the work of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps through no fault of your own, one thing led to another, and gradually the fire of God seemed to burn cooler and cooler, until, perhaps you'd rather be left alone, and as we hear in some movies, "I don't want to talk about it." However, silence does not solve the problem, neither does separation of one's self like the prophet who found a resting place under a juniper tree where he prayed to die. The funny thing about this case, is that God had his own set of reality to work with. *"Yet have I left me seven thousand men in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which have not kissed him."* 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:18. We could call these, God's secret army. Always bear in mind that you are not the only person going through certain problems; but God is always aware of the path you are on.

World headline news are filled with destitution of all sizes, too many to list here.

Jesus offered a major prophecy a long time ago; but seemingly, he referred to this very day in which we gasp and hold our breath when shown in the news the horrors that have enveloped the world, like a massive monster that works its way very slowly across the entire globe. Today, places that seemed to be safe havens some years back, are now just as fragile and vulnerable like anywhere else. Jesus foretold history this way. *"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars: and upon the earth distress of nations, **with perplexity** (meaning—no way out") the sea and the waves roaring. Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for the looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."* Luke 21:25,26.

As far as this lesson is concerned, we want to pay more attention to personal victory, personal favor with God, in our pursuit of understanding our growth in God, and in his knowledge of things divine that he shares with those who are diligent in keeping a close relationship with our heavenly Father. Before we close this study, I want to emphasize most strongly that since you received your Pentecostal Experience by the infilling with the Holy Ghost (Christ IN YOU the hope of glory) he has never left; and let us remind ourselves by his actual words. *"If a man love me he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make **our abode with him.**"* John 14:23. That is signed, seal and delivered. Let us be assured that once Christ has come within you in the form of the Holy Ghost, he is there to abide forever, and he does not move in and out at intervals depending on your personal mood and thought process. He promised never to leave us alone and that stands firm throughout the years. "That will not change."

Christ suggests that we should come as a child in order to enter into the kingdom of God, so let me suggest a childlike exercise. Normally, when we read, we do so from within in silence. But we are told that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word. We are not told that what we hear should only come from a

preacher. Our ear cannot choose what it will hear. It is a receptacle of what ever we speak, so here is a task, beginning now. Instead of reading this lesson softly within (meaning there is nothing to hear) start reading aloud to yourself so you can hear the actual words you are reading. The words will return to you and will culminate in newly produced faith.

The biblical text did not specify what the ear is supposed to hear so as to result in building faith.

However, we can safely assume that if we speak positive, faith building words, which in turn are heard by our ear, real faith will be the result. Be childlike for a moment and begin to read the scriptures aloud to yourself, so that there is material that will automatically go to work in building your faith. Finally, when you read the promises made by God to people over the ages, apply them to yourself as we offered the scriptures above. If God spoke it once in guaranteed terms you should not let time or circumstances change the terms that God has set in motion. Go with the song: Every promise in the book is mine, every chapter, every verse, every line. Let that be your modus operandi.

Be blessed!! Brother Kennedy!!