

Waiting on the Fulfillment of God

Benefits of Waiting

Qawa – to bind together by twisting, to collect, to expect

Definitions

Isaiah 40:27-31 ²⁷ Why sayest thou, **O Jacob**, and speakest, **O Israel**, My way [derek] is hid [satar-to hid by covering] from the **LORD**, [Yahweh] and my judgment is passed over from my **God**? [Elohim] ²⁸ Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting **God**, [Elohim] the **LORD**, [Yahweh] the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. ²⁹ He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. ³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. ³¹ But they that wait [qawa-to bind together by twisting, to collect, to expect] upon the **LORD** [Yahweh] shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.



Benefit #1: Renewal of Strength

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Benefit #2: Mounting Up with Wings Like Eagles

Isaiah 40:31³¹ But they that wait [qawa-to bind together by twisting, to collect, to expect] upon the LORD [Yahweh]... they shall mount up with wings as eagle;

Characteristics of the Eagle

-Characteristic #1: Keen Vision

Research shows that the eagle can spot another eagle soaring 50 miles away. Most eagles cruise at speeds around 30 miles per hour, but they can reach bursts of speed up to 100 mph when necessary.

Acts 2:17¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

-Characteristic #2: Fearless

Another astounded way the eagle demonstrates fearlessness and courageousness is by never surrendering to the size or strength of its prey. This creature will always fight to win its prey or to regain territory. They have even been known to display incredible hunting techniques preying on much larger animals like goats by throwing them off the side of cliff. I saw this on a video myself, and it was an amazing feat and extraordinary tactical move by the eagle.

Joshua 1:1-9¹ Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD [Yahweh] spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, ² Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. ⁵ There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. ⁶ Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. ⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. ⁹ Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God [Yahweh Elohim] is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

-Characteristic #3: Nurture and Mentor Their Young Ones

Another amazing characteristic of the eagle is the innate ability to nurture and mentor their young ones. Research has shown that the eagle is gentler and more attentive to its young than any other bird. In fact, these traits are demonstrated in a unique way in teaching the young eaglets to fly.

This is the way it takes place. When the mother eagle sees that it is time to teach the eaglets to fly, she gathers an eaglet onto her back, and spreading her wings, soars high into the sky. Suddenly, she plunges out from beneath the eaglet and allows it to fall. As it falls, it gradually learns what its wings are for until the mother catches it once more. The process is repeated. If the young are slow to learn or cowardly, she returns it to the nest, and begins to tear it apart, until there is nothing left for the eaglet to hold on to. Then, she nudges him off the cliff.

Acts 1:1-2 ¹ *The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,* ² *Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:*

2 Peter 3:18 ¹⁸ *But grow [auxano] in grace, [charis] and in the knowledge [gnosis] of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. [Hebrew origin aman – the right hand]*

-Characteristic #4: Never Consumes Dead Meat

Yet, another incredibly revealing characteristic of the eagle is they never consume dead meat. They are not scavengers and only eat the meat they kill. Their diet consists of raw and fresh meat. The online dictionary defines a scavenger as an animal or other organism that feeds on dead organic matter.

1 Corinthians 3:1-2 ¹ *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, [pneumatikos] but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.* ² *I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, [past tense] neither yet now are ye able. [present tense]*

Hebrews 5:12-14 ¹² *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.* ¹³ *For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.* ¹⁴ *But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

-Characteristic #5: Full of Life and Take Time to Look Back and Reenergize

A further characteristic of the eagle is this creature is full of life and takes time to look back and reenergize. According to the research this normally happens when they are 30 years of age. A very interesting dynamic begins to happen to the physical body, which causes it to decline very rapidly making it difficult to survive.

What happens as it becomes more challenging to survive out in the wild? The eagle is one that never gives up living but rather retreats to the mountaintop and over the course of a five-month period enters metamorphosis, or radical change in the appearance of the eagle. During this period of extreme change, the beak of the bird is knocked off by hitting against rock. Followed by the removal of its own talons and

feathers. At each stage in this process, it produces regrowth of all the parts of the body that were removed and increases the life span of the eagle to live for another thirty to forty years. This is such an extreme way to cause longevity of life, but it is the way of this powerful creature. We can learn a lot from the eagle.

2 Corinthians 3:18 ¹⁸ *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed [metamorphoo- to transform] into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Luke 22:32 ³² *But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.*

-Characteristic #6: Flock Together

An interesting characteristic about the eagle is they do not mix with other birds. When they do mix with other birds, it is only to find food and then they take off. There is an old saying that says, “Birds of like feathers flock together.” This is true of eagles because they did not mingle with others and find true enjoyment and fulfillment is flying and soaring at high altitudes by themselves.

2 Corinthians 6:14-16 ¹⁴ *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? ¹⁶ And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹⁷ Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, ¹⁸ And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

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-Characteristic #7: Test Before Trusting

The eagle is also known for the trait of testing before trusting. It uses the example of courtship between the female and male and gives specific details of how this principle is at work. I find it very fascinating and applicable to being a guidelines or boundary for spiritual relationships.

Here is how the courtship relationship process works for eagles. The female eagle usually takes a male eagle into the air after picking up a twig from the ground and dropping it from a certain height for the male to chase it. Once the male catches hold of it and brings back, the female flies to a higher altitude and drops it in the same way. This is repeated until the female receives an assurance that the male has mastered the art of genuinely retrieving the twigs in sincere love and affection. Once they join up in trust, the father, and the mother eagle mate for life. They also work collectively as parents.

Luke 6:43-45 ⁴³ For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. ⁴⁴ For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. ⁴⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Matthew 7:6 ⁶ Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

-Characteristic #8: Patient and Possesses Perseverance

The eagle also possesses patience and perseverance throughout its lifespan. This is very evident as this majestic creature grows older. When eagles get older and weak because of worn-out feathers, which slow down flight speed and maneuvers, the eagles retire away to the rocks and will pluck all their old feathers until it is completely bare. It waits until a new set of feathers grows and comes out of his body. It stays in the hiding place until all the new feathers come back to make it fly dynamically again without much effort or toil.

Romans 12:12 ¹² Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

The Pneuma Helps Us in the Waiting

Acts 20:22-24 ²² And now, behold, I go bound [deo – to bind] in the spirit [pneuma] into Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: ²³ Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. ²⁴ But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Galatians 5:5 ⁵ For we through the Spirit [pneuma] wait [apekdechomai – to fully expect] for the hope of righteousness by faith.