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“Does the eagle soar at your command and build its nest on high?” Job 39:27 (NIV)

Thought for today...

Eagles. Despite many years spent studying them, experts say that a great deal is still unknown concerning the life of these birds, and much is also misunderstood. That said, they are commonly considered to be majestic and powerful birds of prey, with exceptional vision, swiftness of flight and the ability to glide and soar to great heights.

Eagles are mentioned in the Bible, with perhaps the following scripture verse most often referenced : **'But they that wait upon the LORD 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.'** Isaiah 40:31 (King James Version).



In Psalm 102 we read how King David feeling faint, distressed and afflicted complains to the Lord that his **'days disappear like smoke'**, his **'bones burn like red-hot coals'**, his **'heart is sick, withered like grass'**, and that he has lost his appetite (verses 3-5 New Living Translation).

Verses 6-7 find him likening himself to less majestic birds: **“I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert. I lie awake, and am like a sparrow alone on the housetop.”** (NKJV).

By Psalm 103:1 David's posture has changed to one of praise and worship; encouraging himself he says: **“Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!”** He reminds himself that it is God **“Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”** Psalm 103:5 (New King James Version).

As the years pass, perhaps you feel less able to complete your kingdom assignment, fearing that your strength is failing and that you are no longer able to carry out certain tasks and activities. Although others (or we ourselves) may liken our resemblance to pelicans, owls or sparrows, like King David we can have our strength restored when we are fortified in the Spirit, becoming like eagles - strong, agile and able to soar to great heights.

King David testifies: **'They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,'** Psalm 92:14 (NKJV).

We can take encouragement from Deuteronomy 34:7 as we read that **“Moses was 120 years old when he died, yet his eyesight was clear, and he was as strong as ever.”** (New Living Translation).

Caleb was 40 when sent to spy out the land of Canaan, and 45 years later he testifies: **“I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming.”** Joshua 14:11 (English Standard Version).



It's time for us to soar!