

On Eagles' Wings Pt 522

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of waiting on the Lord, the power of prayer, and the transformative impact of the cross in a believer's life.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of prayer and its role in accessing God. He highlights the need for more prayer in our lives, as it is a means of communication with God and a way to keep the highways clear for angels. The preacher also discusses the freedom that comes from knowing the truth, particularly the truth found in Jesus. He encourages listeners to have a strict watch over their lives and to prioritize soul-winning missions, evangelism, the Word of God, prayer, the cross, revival, and support for Israel. Additionally, the preacher addresses the issue of different Bible versions and emphasizes the importance of recognizing the King James Bible as the Word of God.

Transcript

The Prophet Isaiah said, Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not? Neither is weary, there is no surging of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increases strength. Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall.

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. Heavenly Father, my prayer today is that the power of your Spirit will fall upon every listener, that everyone that's not saved would consider Jesus Christ, consider their own lives, their own souls, their own spirits, their whole being, and see whether they have truly been born again.

And then that they would truly be born by thy Spirit, that they call out upon the name of the Lord. Then those that know you, that they would know the power of waiting upon the Lord, that they might renew their strength, that they might mount up with wings as eagles, and that they might run and not be weary, and that they might walk and not faint. I pray for your anointing, your blessing, in Jesus' name.

Amen. Well, this is it. The last time we'll be on the air, as far as we know, on Eagle's Wings.

We started almost ten years ago, in September of 1989. And it came out of a burden that was given to me by the Lord for reaching pastors. And I had a goal to reach so many pastors down in this area of the country.

And also, at the time, I had a burden that the Lord would raise up somehow a radio ministry. And He's done that, and I feel like that He is abundantly blessed. And we have had a ministry with many, many pastors, and many in other areas, too.

But we had come down here wanting to minister in this area. And I had a prophet friend of mine told me a number of years ago that my ministry would be really in a one-on-one capacity. And if you think about it, when a man goes to war, a soldier goes to war, the hardest fighting is the one-on-one capacity.

And to go in to minister to preachers. Being one myself, been preaching a long time myself. And then to go in and just minister to pastors, even to sometimes go in and be a servant to pastors when necessary.

And all of that took years of preparing, and we continue on. And now there's, I believe, there's a shifting in our ministry. And actually about two or three different areas.

And it comes down to this thing. And this is why we're going off the air. This is primarily why we're going off the air.

Not that there isn't a lot to be done by way of radio and this broadcast. And there are a lot of good radio broadcasts. But it's time.

It's a matter of time. How much time can I put in in one spot? How much time can I put in to one area? This area? And there's so many different areas. And so the time that's being taken up for radio will be shifted over to be put in to, I believe, a very vital area.

You know, I was looking over the areas that really interest me. I'm really interested in soul winning, winning the loss to Jesus. And it's become a real burden over the years to get these people into a church where they can grow and not be contaminated.

I saw a number of years ago, even when I was pastoring in a church, that it wasn't safe to bring in new converts, even into the church that I was in, because there was a church boss there. And wherever there's a church boss in a church, these new converts are going to get hurt. And also, I've been real interested in missions.

Oh, I believe that if we don't have a burden for winning souls and we don't have a burden for missions, there's something wrong, really something wrong in our hearts. And the man that worked in my life, an evangelist, John Musser, who in 1985 visited the church that I was pastoring, and God used him to break me and break many others. But now he's a missionary reaching out into many other countries, primarily in Africa and India.

Right now he's really working strong in India as God's opening up. But God used him to reach into my heart and to show me my need of revival. And now as a result of his ministering, and we worked with him for a number of years and he wanted us to go with him even over into the international scene, but we never did feel God leading that direction.

My burden seemed to be for reaching the pastors and the churches in this country, and that's how I got started working with John, going around to different areas of the country, meeting with pastors and holding meetings with them, helping them to get set up on meetings. And that's how the roots of this program came out. My burden to come down in this area and to work.

And there's something else. Ministering to the churches, and my, we've gone into a lot of churches, and we really appreciate the ones that have opened up for us to go into your church and minister as a family. And we've gone into several churches, and then getting into some other states and different things.

Well, there's just so much time that we can do. And so we have to move on, I believe, to put our time into another area. There's been areas that we have gone off on, on this program.

We've been concerned, of course, really for revival. Seeing God work in a church, and it's been a hard, hard thing for men that work in revival to realize that unless the roots, you get to the roots of the church and the foundations, you can have a little surface, some surface meetings, but things are going to go back as they were. And it's very discouraging to maybe spend time working in a church for a week or two weeks or three weeks, and then get so close to seeing God get back and get the control of that church, and the church bosses would have the control and get you run out, shut down the meetings, and do all kinds of different things.

We've got a lot of interesting stories. But we've really been interested in revival. And one of the things along the way that God started, oh, it must have been 20 years ago, and in the last few years, I praise His name, and I thank Him so much for showing me this area, and how I struggled against it.

I didn't understand it, but I just resisted. And understanding that the Bible that I have in my hand is the Word of God, the King James Bible, and there is a real serious struggle in our country in this area. Many that were in the foundation work of other versions of Bibles have had their eyes opened to see what's going on with the deceit of Satan in destroying our Word.

You know, you've got all these versions out there. You need to decide which one you believe is the Word of God, since the Bible teaches that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and it's profitable for doctrine, for reproof, and you know all that. You need to decide which one you believe is the Word of God.

And then prayer. And oh, I'd like to share some things with you today, if we have time, on prayer. I believe it's like this.

There was a man, his name, he traveled around the nations, around the world. His name was John Armand, and he made it his practice to study the sources of the spiritual movements which transformed whole communities. You know, it's men like Finney.

He didn't go in anywhere unless he had his intercessor there, which was, they called him Father Nash. And Father Nash would go in and pray for sometimes weeks ahead of time, groaning and praying in the Spirit. And that was actually the power of Finney's ministry, the great evangelist, Charles Finney.

But anyway, John Mott, he went around studying in all these communities, and invariably, whenever he could reach the source, he found it to be intercessory prayer. And he said, I heard of a man, he said, who spent three hours a day in the intercession. And somebody asked him, how can we multiply intercessors? And he said, I used to lay down a great many points on how to get people to pray, but I have made up my mind that the only way to get them to do it is to do it myself.

And that's a sad thing. But the early church was born in prayer, and it grew out of prayer, and it thrived with prayer, and then it died without prayer. And the story goes on.

That's the way it goes. Things are born out of prayer. You know, many of you, if you were with us with the beginning, many have, we made contact with many that were looking for a church to minister in.

Different things are happening, and I don't know how many have said, we can't find a place to pray. I mean, to pray is actually literally it, or we don't have a place to worship. There's this and that and that.

Oh, my heart has been burdened for you, those of you that have cried out. And I'm still praying for many that God will show you what to do in this area. Many don't understand.

Many in the, we would say the mainline denominational lines, don't understand really what's happening. And I'm not saying that we understand everything. We're not God, but many don't understand what's happening in their denominations as they see their denominations slowly falling apart.

Apostasy is just running rampant in most of the denominations, just running rampant in control with ungodly things happening, ungodly people instead. But what can you do? Let me tell you, if there's anything you do, learn to be an intercessor. Learn to pray.

Learn to get a hold of God to the point to where you can see God do things and you can see God change lives. J.H. Jowett, he was a very godly and a moving preacher. He emphasized this same need.

He said, I would rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach. In Bristol fashion, the autobiography of Hugh Redward, he states that as a young convert, no one had taken the pains to teach him how to pray. And to this, he attributed his missing those years that could have been so useful.

After years, he rediscovered Christ through prayer. What books we might have had from the pen of this journalist had some simple Christian introduced him to access to God by prayer. Someone said this, more ships, some cry, more guns, more fighters in the air.

But why is the king who calls for more prayer? Remember angels use this ancient thoroughfare. So keep the highways clear, more prayer. One day will not suffice to make times wear and tear.

Each hour of life must see more prayer. Again and yet again, the scrolls of God declare the deepest need of men is more prayer. And if you were to take your time, say you're busy at something, maybe even a radio broadcast.

If you would maybe take that activity and just stop it and put that same amount of time in prayer, the fruit would probably be multiplied so much more full than you could even imagine. So there's been soul winning admissions, evangelism, pastors and churches. We've talked about the virgins of the Bible in prayer.

But what about the cross? Oh, the power of the cross. The preaching of the cross is foolishness to them that are perishing. Paul said, I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.

In the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. Oh, what a cry of a man who loved God, who had been captured by the Lord Jesus Christ himself and the power of the cross was there. You know, if we were to take some time, just some simple time and share with you the cross.

I'd shared this a number of years ago about this little pamphlet. Others may, but you cannot. It really bears the message of the cross and the power of the cross.

And it goes something like this. And maybe this will, will get down to where you meet. Some of you are so empty.

Oh, sure. You go to church, you go to prayer meeting. You never fail to darken the doors of the church.

But yet there seems to be something missing in your walk with the Lord. And I believe if I could put my finger on it, it would be the cross. You see, the cross will bring you to a point if God's really called you to be like Jesus.

The cross will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility. And I believe this cross will put upon you such demands of obedience that you won't be able to follow other people like maybe you used to before. Or maybe you can't measure yourself by other Christians in any, in many ways, the Lord may seem to let other good people do things and get away with things, but he just won't let you do it.

That's because the power and the message of the cross is getting down into your soul and other Christians and even ministers and preachers who seem to be very religious and useful. And maybe they will push themselves forward and do things and maybe even pull wires, work schemes to carry out their plans. But if you try to do it, the Lord just won't let you do it.

And you will meet with failure. You'll meet with rebuke from the Lord, and he'll just really thrash you out pretty good. This is the cross.

It brings you to the point of crucifixion of your self-life. Others can boast of themselves, but you just can't get away with it. Others can talk about their success, but you just can't get away with it.

Others can talk about their writings, but you just can't get away with it. The Holy Spirit just seems to be after you and right there with you and on you on everything. And that's true.

He is. And this Holy Spirit, he becomes so precious to you when you learn the crucified life. He will lead you into, I believe, some deep areas of your soul.

He will lead you into a deep repentance of your sin and that self-life and that pride. And he will take you deep. Others may be allowed to succeed in making money or maybe having a name for themselves.

But God may want to keep you poor because he wants you to have something, I believe, better than gold. And namely, it's this. He wants you to have a dependence upon him.

And why would he want to do that? I believe it's because then he could have the privilege of supplying all your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury. And as a result of that, he'd get all the glory in your life. You see, I believe the Lord has a hard time getting all the glory out of our life because we like to steal his glory.

And the Lord doesn't share his glory with anyone. He shared his glory with God the Holy Spirit, God the Son, God the Father, all had the same glory. And they shared their glory.

And they were one in their glory, one in being the same. But God won't let us do it. He can't have us take his glory because we're not God, even though we would be his children.

And something else, the Lord may let others be honored and put forward, but he may want to just keep you hidden in obscurity. And that brings us back. Maybe God has been burying you out of sight so that you will be an intercessor.

You see a need. I believe many don't know how to grab a hold of God and intercede and see things happen in people's lives. You see somebody struggling and you see a brother or sister burdened down.

You see someone lost and you can't, you don't have the power to see them get saved or you don't, you don't have the power with God to see a brother get out of a trap or to see a sister get set free from some, from gossip or some bondage of sin. But because God has taken you and hidden you in obscurity because he has put you there alone with himself and you're content. You're just content to be there with him.

You know, there's a little poem by Madam Gunion and I read this book here a few weeks ago and if I can grab a hold of this thing. It's been a long time since I read this little poem and I think in our last program today with you on Eagle's Wings, I'm going to read this little poem again to you since it has the message of the cross in it. You see Madam Gunion, she spent 10 years of her life in French prisons.

From 1695 to 1705 and here's a song she wrote while she was in one of those prisons. She said, A little bird am I, shut from the fills of air, And in my cage I sit and sing to him who placed me there. Well pleased a prisoner to be, because my God it pleases thee.

Not have I else to do, I sing the whole day long, And he whom most I love to please doth listen to my song. He caught and bound my wandering wing, but still he bends to hear me sing. Thou hast an ear to hear, a heart to love and bless, And though my notes were ever so rude, thou wast not here the less, Because thou knowest, as they fall, that same sweet love inspires them all.

My cage confines me round, abroad I cannot fly, But though my wing is closely bound, my heart's at liberty. My prison walls cannot control the flight, the freedom of the soul. Oh, it is good to soar these boats and bars above, To him whose purpose I adore, whose providence I love, And in thy mighty will to find the joy, the freedom of the mind.

Are you free? Jesus said, you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free. Got a little note in my Bible that says, but first it might make you angry. The truth might bother you at first, or it might upset you, but it will set you free if you let it.

And of course, Jesus is the truth. Well, so I believe, as the Holy Spirit puts over your life, in this life of the cross, a strict watch over you. He has a special jealous love for you.

He will rebuke you for maybe little words you say, maybe sore feelings, or for maybe wasting your time, which other Christians never feel any problem over at all. But you just, the Lord is just that close to you. So I believe we need to make up our mind.

Since God is so sovereign, and He is, isn't He? If He is a sovereign God, then doesn't He have the right to do with you as He pleases, since you're His own? He may not explain to you, maybe a thousand things that puzzle your reasoning, and in His dealings with you, you just don't understand much, but can't you have enough integrity just to, by faith, simply trust Him as He leads you alone every day? If you absolutely sell yourself out to the Lord to be His love slave, I believe He'll wrap you up in His jealous love, and He'll put upon you so many blessings that will come to you, and you know what's going to happen? There's

going to be a glow in your heart. There's going to be a glow on your face. There's going to be a radiance.

And all those out there saying that they're lights, they're going to look over, and you're going to be shining. So I believe this power of the cross just brings you to the point of this. Are you willing just to settle it and say, then, right now, that God is going to be your Lord, and that you will deal directly with the Holy Spirit as He leads you and guides you.

You listen to Him, and you obey Him, and it doesn't matter what others say, that He will have the privilege of controlling your tongue, your time. He'll have the privilege of chaining your hand, closing your eyes, opening your eyes in ways that He maybe doesn't seem to do with others, but because He possesses you, you have the living God in your heart, and there He dwells with you in your secret heart. You're pleased with Him, and He's pleased with you.

He's delighted with you, and you are delighted with Him. You see, many times, I don't believe we're delighted with God because we're not delighted with His ways with us. He has a peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship over you, and this management of the Holy Spirit over your life will be a gateway to heaven, a gateway of privilege to others.

Well, we only have a few more minutes left, and so we've talked about some things today that have been important to me, and probably all of these are important, soul-winning missions, evangelism, reaching pastors and churches, the Word of God, oh, how we love the Word of God, and prayer and the cross, revival. Something else we've been really interested in, and that's Israel. Many have given up on Israel, and their theology has no place for Israel, but not so in the Word of God.

God says there's hope for Israel. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. If I was to encourage you to listen to somebody, there's many different radio broadcasts that are good, but listen to Perry Rockwood.

I've got onto his mailing list. He sends out the gospel standard. Let me encourage you to write him and support him, and he's got this gospel standard, and he sends out many good information articles in here, and I'm holding one right now.

Perry's on this on KKLL, and since this will be the last time we'll be on KKLL, listen to Perry Rockwood. He's an old godly preacher. He hasn't moved.

So many of the preachers have moved with the times. They have moved away, and they look at us. Many look and say, well, boy, what's wrong with you? Well, we haven't moved, but they've moved.

Many preachers have moved away from standards that were just plain gospel standards on purity and holiness and godliness and doing things that were sensible, moving away to flow with the crowds, and ungodly music has come into so many. That's been a real big problem with many families is the music, and a lot of preachers and churches don't understand what they're doing by going with this worldly, ungodly music. Well, we're gonna close up now and tell you again that we love you, and if we can help you, you let us know.

You've been listening to On Eagle's Wings. My name's Don Corville. We started almost 10 years ago, and we were gonna try to make it out for a complete 10 years, just a couple more months, but the time is just pressing in so much.

The time has become so crucial, and so it's just time to put our time in another area that we feel like will be a whole lot more valuable and profitable for fruit, and it's not that this isn't valuable and profitable, but what is best and what is the Lord leading? We feel like to put our time in another area, so this is gonna be the end of On Eagle's Wings. God bless you. It's been a privilege to minister to you, to meet so many of you, and we know that we'll continue on reaching out to many of you as we've made so many friends and contacts, so the Lord bless you and keep you, and the Lord make His face shine upon you, and may the Lord bless you real good.

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