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Section Two

EAGLE SAINTS IN PRAYER

- The Qualities of an Eagle!

There is a need for the eagle saints to arise in the place of prayer. We must go to the mountain top where we receive deliverance, holiness and possess our possessions. We must fly high, as the way of the eagle is in the sky. It is time to say no to being bound to the ground. The eagle must fly and soar high again.

I pray that as you study this subject, the Lord will help you to know Him in the place of prayer, become strong and do exploits again.

We shall be considering in details each one of the following eagle scriptures.

- (1) *“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 searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths 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” (Isaiah 40:28-31).*
- (2) *“Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” - Psalms 103:5.*
- (3) *“As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings” (Deuteronomy 32:11).*
- (4) *“Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself” (Exodus 19:4).*
- (5) *“Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.” (Proverbs 1:17).*
- (6) *“Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.” (II Samuel 1:23).*
- (7) *“Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.” (Obadiah 1:4).*
- (8) *“Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high? She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place. From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off. Her young ones*

also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she.” (Job 39:27-30).

Let us now study in practical details the various qualities of an eagle.

(1) An eagle can renew its youth

A mother-eagle, after living and flying for so many years eventually becomes old and weak. Its wings and feathers become so old that they cannot be used to effectively pursue preys or escape from predators. So the eagle has a problem and very soon, the enemy might catch up with it. It is at this point of getting old and not being able to fly at a fast speed that the eagle stops all activities - no moving around, no flying, no mating and no reproduction. It then takes shelter in a secluded place. It may be by the river side or under a big shrub where there are lots of straws and grasses. It will secretly hide there. Nobody will see the eagle for a long time. It has gone into voluntary hibernation. While in that place, it will use its beak to pluck off all her old feathers, stripping herself naked. By now, it is highly vulnerable to attack. But because it is in hiding, no enemy would be able to see it. It will not actively move about to feed, but only preys on insects that fly close to it. It will remain there for quite a while.

During this period, new feathers will begin to grow, but the eagle will still not move. The feathers will be colourful and strong. At the end of the hibernation, new and strong feathers would have covered its body completely. It will now move out of the place of hibernation. The first flapping it does with the new feathers on its wings will instantly lift it soaring into the sky. Biologist would say the eagle has hibernated for rejuvenation. The youth of the eagle has been renewed. It then begin to fly with a new vigour and power. The animals which used to pursue it will soon discover that the old and vulnerable eagle had become invincible again. Most eagles always look and appear younger than their age because their youth is always renewed.

The Bible says they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength as the eagle. This speaks of personal retreats, solitude prayers in gardens or on prayer mountains. If you discover you are now getting more angry, irritable and having increasing lusts of the flesh and lust of the eyes, regular demonic attack, night mares, and all those things that were once gone are now creeping back into your life, then something has gone wrong. You have become spritually weak and vulnerable. You must hibernate for rejuvenation. Take time off and seek God. Go and fast and pray. Hide away from people. Go into seclusion. Lock up yourself for two or three days. By the time you get out of your spiritual seclusion, something would have happened to you and your character. Divine power would have been imparted into you.

(2) An eagle has a very long life span

Though an eagle may be a small bird, but its average life-span is about one hundred and twenty years (120 years). One of the longest life spans among birds. What is the application of this to us? It is simple: The one who knows how to pray will not die young. Moses died at the age of one hundred and twenty years, because he regularly saw God's face in prayer. He was on the mountain twice fasting for forty days. He physically and spiritually encountered God. Death could not touch him easily. The immortality of God affected his mortality. The eyes that see God regularly will not see death or corruption easily. Until God decided to call Moses home, death could not touch him. In Deuteronomy chapter 34, the Bible says when Moses died, his natural force, power or strength was not abated. His eyes were not dim. He was a vigorous 'young man' at the age of one hundred and twenty years because he saw God regularly. *"They go from strength to strength, everyone of them in Zion appeareth before God"* (Ps. 84:7). Similarly, prayer warrior Abraham lived a long, vigorous and healthy life. He died at age 185 years (Genesis 25:7-8).

(3) An eagle has an unusual strength

An eagle is usually a small bird weighing about four kilograms (4kg), but when it is in flight it can carry an animal weighing up to twenty kilograms (20kg)! This is because of the unique strength of its feathers and wing muscles. It uses its claws to hold on to the heavier prey, and carries it to long distances where its young ones are. An eagle therefore is a burden bearer, a carrier of weights heavier than itself. When you are an eagle saint, you will not only carry your own problems in prayer, but you will also help others with their burdens. You will be involved in praying for the needs of your friends, brothers and sisters and your community. You'll be a burden bearer. The unusual strength of the eagle also helps it to contend fiercely with other birds and animals. The eagle always wins in the end. A prayerful christian has strength for war and always wins spiritual battles.

(4) When pursued, an eagle heads for the sun

When an eagle is pursued by another faster and stronger bird, and it discovers that it may soon be captured because of fatigue, it then flies vertically, skyward, heading for the sun. When pursued, the eagle heads straight for the sun. Not many birds can look directly at the sun as the eagle, if they do, they'll go blind. Yet an eagle will keep on flying towards the sun because of its strong eyes. All other pursuers will quickly turn back because they cannot face the sun. When you become an eagle saint and Satan and your enemies are pursuing you, just run straight into God in one-day of fasting or in a night vigil and instantly your pursuers will turn back because they cannot face the Man of war, Jehovah El-Gibbor, the Rock and the Fortress of Israel and the Sun of righteousness. When you run into Him,

just as the Bible says, the name of the Lord will be to you a strong tower, where you run into and the door is slammed against your enemies. When your enemies pursue you into God, they will go blind.

(5) When an eagle is hungry, it does not cry

Other birds will begin to cry the moment they feel a pang of hunger. Not the eagle. It can endure so much hardship. An eagle saint who is a mighty prayer warrior has a great forbearance and perseverance. He may be facing so many troubles, but nobody will know. He does not run around soliciting for help and sympathy. He knows how to kneel and call upon the name of the Lord for personal deliverance.

An eagle saint will come to the church, sing wonderfully and praise the name of the Lord despite his griefs and sorrows. He does not advertise his problems because he has an unshaken confidence that God would bail him out. When the eagle is hungry, it does not cry at all. Eagle saint don't carry long faces and wear sad countenances around. They are always joyful in the Lord.

(6) The eagle can ascend up to a height of thirty thousand feet (30,000ft) above sea level

This is the altitude at which the Jumbo jets (the Boeing 747s) and the Airbuses fly. No other bird can reach that height. The believer who knows his God shall be strong and do exploits. If you are an eagle saint, you will discover that you can rise in the spirit far above your enemies. When you are flying at the eagle's altitude, you can literally see the terrain of a whole country. When you soar high in the place of prayer, your head will be raised high above all your enemies, just like Jesus was raised up high above all principalities and powers. The height at which the eagle flies gives it a strategic advantage over its enemies. It can see many and far away places at the same time.

(7) The eagle selects the highest mountain to live on and selects the tallest tree and the tallest branch to build her nest on.

In other words, if you want to catch an eagle you will sweat. First, you have to climb the highest mountain, then look for the tallest tree and after climbing the tallest tree, you'll still have to climb the tallest branch. That is very difficult for any human being or predator. The eagle is invincible and literally has an impenetrable habitation. This means if you become an eagle saint in prayer, you'll become impregnable. *"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp*

against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his pavilion he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle, he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle shall sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD". You hardly can conquer those who really know how to pray and fast. They always live on God's holy hill.

(8) The eagle leaves a flying legacy to her young ones

When an eagle has hatched her eggs, and the young ones have grown their little wings, the mother-eagle then carries the young ones on her back for a training flight. It flies carefully up into the sky until it gets to a very great height. It will then dive suddenly and vertically until the young ones fall off its back. All of them will begin to shriek for fear as they begin to fall earthwards. For the first time, many of the young ones will begin to flap their wings and fly! But the mother-eagle will allow anyone that does not know how to fly to continue to fall until they almost hit the ground. It will then quickly and skilfully sweep under them and carry the young ones on its back to the heights again. It will do this everyday until they learn to exercise and use their wings to fly on their own. Finally, she will allow any of the young ones that will not open their wings to fly to hit the ground and die. Similarly, a real prayerful saint makes and ensures that all his household members imbibe the prayer culture. The moment you see their children, you'll instantly know the home and foundation they came from.

(9) The eagle always flies above the cloud, the rain and the storm

The eagle in fact, uses the wind and storm to ascend to higher heights. So it is with a prayer warrior. Problems and difficulties of life are stepping stones to greater heights of the spirit for the prayer eagle. The cloud, the rain and the storm send other birds into quick hiding but not the eagle. It enjoys them. Hard times usually makes the eagle saint a stronger christian.

(10) An eagle can travel (fly) at speeds of up to 136 miles (220 km/hr)

The eagle is a swift moving, articulate and agile bird. It can never be found sluggish. Eagle saints or prayer eagles are saints whose spirits and bodies have been made active, articulate, zealous and fervent in the place of prayer. Seriously prayerful believers can never be found to be sluggish, confused and idle. They are always active in the service of

the Master.

(11) Great eagles fly alone

If an eagle must keep company, it would be with fellow eagles that can fly as high and as fast. They have no business with bats, owls, chickens or ostriches. But most times, great eagles fly alone.

Similarly, eagle saints - prayerful believers select the company they keep - people of the same burden, vision and passion. But the best known prayer warriors have been men and women of lonely walks. The chickens and the ostriches cannot understand nor flow with them.

(12) The eagle's diet consists mainly of fresh and bloody animals

The eagle feeds mostly on fresh animal carcass still dripping with blood. Dead and decaying animals are not part of their diet. In the same vein, Eagle saints - prayer warriors always feed fresh from the Holy Spirit. Prayerful study of God's word births fresh revelations into their spirits all the time. Their eyes of understanding are illuminated. Prayer eagles feed on fresh manna. Stale bread is not their portion.

(13) The eagle sticks to only one partner till death

Male and female eagles who are partners stick to each other till death. "Married" eagles are never "immoral" nor "adulterous". Prayer eagles - saints formed in the place of prayer don't usually fall away from their "husband", Jesus - the bridegroom. They stick to Him in life and in death. Only the prayerless backslides easily, for all decays begin in the closet.

(14) An eagle has three levels of locomotion

The eagle can walk, run and fly. Likewise, an eagle saint can pray, fast, pray in the Spirit and praise God with high praises. Eagle saints are very articulate christians who can never be spiritually stranded. They are highly and strongly mobile. They are spiritually versatile and can pray different kinds of prayers to address different kinds of problems.

(15) The Eagle is a bird of great sight and insight

The eagle is about the only bird that can see colours like men. The eagle can also see all around it to about 275°. It has a binocular vision. It can see all around something at the same time. The eagle can survey and see up to 5 km. distance. It has about 24 million optical cones in each eye. It is an animal of great vision.

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