

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

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### GOD WANTS TO SET YOU FREE

Some years ago in a little western town, a crowd of men gathered about a store window through which they saw a large American eagle. It was fastened by one of its feet to a chain which was secured at the other end by a ring in the floor. Held captive this way for some months, it had become seemingly indifferent to its condition. While the men were looking at the huge bird, a tall, young mountaineer pushed his way through the crowd and entered the store. He asked the proprietor what he would take for the eagle, and the owner said, "Two dollars."

When the young man took the money from his pocket and paid the price, the keeper of the store unfastened the chain and handed the eagle to his new owner. Followed by the crowd, he carried the great bird down the street until he came to a signboard, and on top of this, he placed the one-time child of the skies. But the great bird remained motionless and the crowd was disappointed. It had been bound so long to this earth that it did not seem to care to fly any longer.

Suddenly, high above the mountain, the sun struck its eyes, and the eagle seemed to remember that it was an eagle and that its home was up yonder among the crags and the cliffs. It lifted first one foot and then the other as if to make sure of its freedom and power; then it lifted first one wing and then the other. With a shriek and a bound, it flew away and higher and higher it ascended until it was lost in the face of the sun. The crowd cheered.

Isaiah 40:27-31 (NASB)

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"? 28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. 29 He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power. 30 Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, 31 yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength;

they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

Some people seem to think that God is asleep or at least not paying attention to their lives. This is a big mistake. God does not get tired like the rest of us. His understanding is inscrutable. Inscrutable means: 1. incapable of being investigated, analyzed, or scrutinized. 2. Mysterious; unfathomable - according to the Webster. In other words, if you think you know what He is thinking you might be in for a surprise. Don't try to figure God out and dismiss Him from your life and think everything will work out in the end. You need God just like the rest of us. We cannot survive or move on without Him.

Just like the eagle He gives us strength when we are weak. When we feel overwhelmed, He is here for us and helps us overcome. Our problem is that too often we try to fix everything ourselves without His wisdom and direction. We forget who we are and that we need God to function well in this life. The eagle had forgotten what he was, and was in prison to his surroundings. Until he was set free he had forgotten what he was designed for.

Do you know what you were designed for? Are you aware that we are here to worship the Creator of the Universe, to serve Him, love Him, and honor Him with our lives? You will never find the peace and understanding you need for this life until you bow to our Heavenly Father.

Verse 31 tells us to "wait for the LORD". The Hebrew word for wait has much meaning: it means to bind together – gather together, look patiently, tarry, wait (for, on, upon); A verb meaning to wait for, to look for, and to hope for. The word is used to signify depending on and ordering activities around a future event. (Job 2; Micah 5:6-7) The hopes of someone can remain unfulfilled, especially when a person or a nation is sinning. (Job 3:9; Psalm 69:20-21; Isaiah 5:2,4,7) Hoping, however, for what God has promised will not ultimately be disappointed, although it may not appear to succeed in the short run. (Job 30:26; Isaiah 59:11), The Lord will give strength to those who hope in Him. (Psalm 27:14; Isaiah 40:31). Because he is all-powerful, He will eventually bring His promises to pass. (Lamentation 3:25). These promises include the establishing of His kingdom on earth. (Psalm 37:9, 34; Isaiah 25:9). The word also means to be gathered and refers to the gathering of waters (Genesis 1:9) and of people (Jeremiah 3:17).

So What Should We Do? Attach yourself to God, depend on Him, and believe in Him and His precious promises. He is offering you forgiveness of sin In His Son,

Christ Jesus the Lord. He will strengthen you so that you can mount up like the eagle we read about earlier. God wants to set you free to be all He designed you to be. Jesus has paid the price for your sins. Will you accept his sacrifice and soar for God in this life? He is waiting to set you free.

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