

Wednesday Devotional

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The Life on Wings

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Scripture: Isaiah 40

This cry for “wings” is as old as humanity. Our souls were made to “soar on wings” (v. 31), and they can never be satisfied with anything short of flying. Like the captive-born eagle that feels within it the instinct of flight, and chafes and frets at its imprisonment, hardly knowing what it longs for, so do our souls chafe and fret, and cry out for freedom. We can never rest on earth, and we long to “fly away” from all that so holds and hampers and imprisons us here....

What, then, are these wings? Their secret is contained in the words, “those who hope in the Lord” (v. 31). The soul that hopes in the Lord is the soul that is entirely surrendered to him and that trusts him perfectly. Therefore we might name our wings the wings of Surrender and of Trust. I mean by this, that if we will only surrender ourselves utterly to the Lord and will trust him perfectly, we shall find our souls “soaring on wings like eagles” to the “heavenly places” in Christ Jesus, where earthly annoyances or sorrows have no power to disturb us.