

Sermon #2352 — *Miscellaneous Sermons*

Title: **“ON EAGLES’ WINGS”**

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Introduction:

When a soldier is severely wounded in battle it is of little benefit to him to be told that there are doctors at the hospital who can bind up his wounds, and give him medicine that will ease him of all the pains that rack his body. What that wounded warrior needs is someone to carry him to the hospital and a doctor to administer the care he needs and give him the medicine that will help.

So it is with us. — **All the promises of God and all doctrine of the gospel are of no benefit to our souls, until the Lord God, by his own gracious hand, applies them to us.** We are thirsty, but too faint to crawl to the waterhole. We must be carried to the water. We are too weak even to drink. Someone must put the water to our lips, and tenderly put it in our mouths.

That is what the Lord our God does for us by his Spirit. God the Holy Ghost, the blessed Spirit of Truth, takes of the things of Christ and applies them to us. **Do not imagine**

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that our blessed Savior has placed his promises, his blessings, and his mercies on heavenly shelves that we may climb up to heaven and get them for ourselves. That is not the case at all. — **He comes to us and sheds his mercy, love, and grace abroad in our hearts by his Spirit.** Yes, he bids us come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we might obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. But, blessed be his name, he does much more than that!

He who is our God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, comes to our poor souls and pours in the oil and wine of grace, by which he renews us day by day. O bless his name forever! Child of God, if you are laboring under deep distresses, your God does not give you promises and then leave you to yourself, to draw them up from the Word like buckets of water from a well. Oh, no! **The promises he has written in the Word, he will write anew on your heart.** He will manifest his love to you, and by his blessed Spirit, dispel your cares and troubles. It is God’s prerogative and God’s work to wipe every tear from the eyes of his chosen. **The good Samaritan not only gives you the sweet wine of the promise, but he holds the golden chalice to your lips and pours the life-blood into your soul.** The poor, sick, way-worn pilgrim is not merely strengthened to walk, but he is borne “*on eagles’ wings*”

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until he has reached the Mount of God above! — Glorious gospel!

Proposition: God our Savior provides everything for the helpless and brings grace to us before we seek it! So, he gets as much glory in the giving as in the gift.

That is precisely what the Lord God declares in Exodus 19:4. And that is precisely what is portrayed for us in Israel’s deliverance out of Egyptian bondage.

(Exodus 19:4) “Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself.”

“ON EAGLES’ WINGS” — That’s the title of my message. What a blessed, blessed word this is from God our Savior to us!

(Exodus 19:4) “Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself.”

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CHRIST’S REDEMPTION

1st — What a precious word this is to us! What a picture this is of our God’s tender mercy toward us in Christ! First, I cannot avoid showing you that **there is here a picture, at least it appears so to me, of our blessed Savior’s wondrous work of redemption.**

The eagle, you may recall, is declared in the Levitical law to be an unclean bird (Leviticus 11:13-16). Yet, our Lord delights to use the unclean eagle as a representation of himself as our Savior. He says, in Exodus 19:4, — “*I bare you on eagle’s wings, and brought you unto myself.*” Certainly, this speaks of his protection of us. But it also seems to me to be an allusion to the fact that he took our uncleanness (our sins) upon himself, making our sins his own, making himself unclean before the holy Lord God, and bearing his redeemed on eagle’s wings, made us the

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very righteousness of God in him, that he might bring us to God.

What unspeakable mercy this is! He, who in such infinite love and grace, became both sin and a curse for his us (2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13), **compares himself to the unclean eagle, when made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him!**

GOD’S PROVIDENCE

2nd — This word from God to us is used to describe the wondrous mystery of providence in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation (Revelation 12:1-17).

(Revelation 12:1-17) “And there appeared **a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed** with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: (2) And she being with child cried, travailing in birth,

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and pained to be delivered. (3) And there appeared **another wonder in heaven**; and **behold a great red dragon**, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. (4) And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and **the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born**. (5) And **she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne**. (6) And **the woman fled into the wilderness**, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days. (7) And **there was war in heaven**: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, (8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. (9) **And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:**

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he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.** (11) **And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.** (12) Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. (13) And **when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.** (14) **And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.**

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(15) And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. (16) **And the**

earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

(17) And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

OUR PILGRIMAGE

3rd — **In Deuteronomy 32, Moses was inspired of God to use this same emblem of Israel being carried “on eagles’ wings” as a description of our pilgrimage through this world.**

As the children of Israel were pilgrims in the wilderness, so God’s saints are pilgrims in this world, pilgrims carried through their pilgrimage “on eagles’ wings.”

Moses is here giving his last word of instruction to

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the children of Israel. **As he does, he begins his instruction with a song of praise to the Lord God, who had led Israel through the wilderness, caring for, providing for and protecting them for forty-years.** — According to God’s wise and good purpose, causing them to walk “*in a straight way,*” the children of Israel made an 11-day trip in 40 years! **Moses’ purpose here is threefold.**

1. **He wants to exalt and extol the Lord God who redeemed and brought his people out of the land of bondage.** — That is my purpose in preaching this message today. He begins his instructive song by calling the people of God to “*ascribe greatness unto our God*” (vv. 1-3).

(Deuteronomy 32:1-3) “Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. (2) **My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew,** as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: (3) Because **I will**

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publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.”

You will remember that the Lord God proclaimed his name to Moses back in Exodus 34:6-7, when he hid him in the cleft of the rock and showed him his glory.

(Exodus 34:6-7) “And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, (7) Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*.”

When Moses talks about publishing the name of the Lord, he is talking about our Lord Jesus Christ, Jehovah the Son. (Remember, his NAME is what he is, his character, his attributes!) He is saying,

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“I will proclaim the glorious attributes of God my Savior, in whom I trust.” There are many names by which the Lord God reveals himself to us in this Book.

- **Jehovah-hoseenu** — “*The LORD our Maker*” (Psalm 95:6). — He who is the Lord our Maker, not only made us, he has made us his people (1 Samuel 12:22).
- **Jehovah-jireh** — “*The LORD will Provide*” (Genesis 22:14).
- **Jehovah-rapha** — “*The LORD that Healeth Thee*” (Exodus 15:26).
- **Jehovah-nissi** — The LORD our Banner (Exodus 17:15).
- **Jehovah-raah** — The LORD Our Shepherd (Psalm 23:1).
- **Jehovah-tsidkenu** — “*The LORD Our Righteousness*” (Jeremiah 23:6).
- **Jehovah-m’kaddesh** — “*The LORD that doth sanctify you*” (Exodus 31:13).

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- **Jehovah-shammah** — The LORD is there (Ezekiel 48:35).
- **Jehovah-shalom** — The LORD our Peace (Joel 6:22-24).
- **Jehovah-Jesus** — The LORD our Savior (Matthew 1:21).

As he tells us to publish the name of the Lord, **Moses calls for us to do so by ascribing greatness to our God.** — “*Ascribe ye greatness unto our God*” (v. 3).

Truly, he who is our God is great. He alone is great!

- Great in His Person!
- Great in His Purpose!
- Great in His Providence!
- Great in His Provision!
- Great in His Salvation!

Then, in verse 4, he tells us **four specific aspects of the greatness of God our Savior.**

- “*He is the Rock.*” — The Rock — The Rock of Salvation — The Rock of Refuge
- “*His work is perfect.*” — His work is all one;

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and it is perfect.

- *“All his ways are judgment.”* — All his ways are both righteous and wise.
- *“A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”* — He who is God our Savior is the God of Truth, the God who is Truth, and the God who performs Truth.

2. The first thing Moses wanted to do was to extol and honor the Lord Jesus Christ, our great God and Savior. **His second object, here in Deuteronomy 32, was to remind us of God’s great goodness to us, to inscribe upon our hearts and minds the memory of his gracious works for us, with us, and in us, inspiring us with gratitude, love, and devotion to our God.**

God’s faithful servant begins by reminding us that we are a corrupt, sinful people, altogether undeserving of the least of his favors (vv. 5-6).

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(Deuteronomy 32:5-6) “They have corrupted themselves, their spot *is not the spot* of his children: *they are* a perverse and crooked generation. (6) Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? *is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?*

Then he tells us to “remember the days of old” (vv. 7-8). **Remember that everything God does in this world is according to his everlasting, immutable, electing love and purpose of grace toward his people** (v. 8).

(Deuteronomy 32:8) “When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.”

- **Remember, children of God, that you are the Lord’s chosen portion and the lot of his**

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inheritance (v. 9).

(Deuteronomy 32:9) “For the LORD’S portion *is* his people; Jacob *is* the lot of his inheritance.”

- **Remember where you were and what you were when he called you by his grace** (v. 10; Isaiah 51:1).

(Deuteronomy 32:10) “He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.”

(Isaiah 51:1) “Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged.”

Those words give us a biographical sketch of every saved sinner’s life. He found us. We didn’t find him. He found us in desert land, in a waste and

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howling wilderness. He has led us about all the days of our lives. He has instructed us. And he has kept us as the apple of his eye. **His providence has been good, only good.** It is described in verses 13-14.

(Deuteronomy 32:13-14) “He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; (14) Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.”

3. **Moses’ third object, in this chapter was to inspire our faith in Christ, our God and Savior. He does this by using this very graphic, tender illustration of our God’s gracious oversight of his people** (vv. 11-12).

(Deuteronomy 32:11-12) “As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth

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abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: (12) *So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.*”

This is a tremendous, instructive picture of the great mercy and grace of our blessed Savior in his dealings with us.

“AS THE EAGLE”

Like other creatures of our God, the eagle not only appears to show great affection for her young, but manifests tremendous superiority over other winged creatures in taking care of her brood. She provides for them and protects them, as other birds of the air do. But, in training them, she constantly shelters them from danger, far more than other birds do their young. **The Lord our God seems to have created her with such excellence, that she might be illustrative of his affection for, tender care of, and protection of his children.**

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John Gill wrote, “Of all animals the eagle is most affectionate to its young, and most studiously careful of them. When it sees anyone coming to them, it will not suffer them to go away unpunished, but will beat them with its wings and tear them with its nails.”

STIRS UP

“*She stirreth up her nest.*” — Though they might be naturally inclined to do so, the eagle will not allow her young to be lethargic. She stirs her nest, calling them to life and excitement. As she stirs her nest, she “*fluttereth over them,*” over her young. The eagle does not go into her nest suddenly. She first makes a noise and awakens her chicks with her wings, striking them against a tree or its branches. Being awakened, they receive her gladly, without fear.

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She “*spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings.*” — In this way, she both

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teaches them to fly and protects them. Other birds carry their young in their talons. Held in their claws, the young might be easily snatched away and killed by some bird of prey. If someone from the ground should shoot at the bird, her young might be killed and the bird herself unharmed. But the eagle carries her young on her wings, so that no arrow from beneath can touch the young, until it has first pierced the heart of the old bird.¹

GOD’S GRACE

¹ I am aware that many refer to this text as a “proof” that the Bible contains errors, asserting that “Eagles do not carry their young on their wings or on their backs, but in their claws, as other birds.” That may or may not be true. If it is, that does not prove an error. It may be that the passage is simply giving us a metaphor, picturing our Savior’s care of his people. However, Sir Humphrey Davy — (A British Chemist 1778-1829) — was thinking about this text and that criticism of it one day while he was hunting. As he did he saw with his own eyes a pair of eagles teaching two young birds to fly. He wrote later, “I once saw a very interesting sight above one of the crags of Ben Nevis (The Highest Mountain in Great Britain), as I was going in the pursuit of black game. Two parent eagles were teaching their offspring, two young birds, the maneuvers of flight. They began by rising from the top of the mountain, in the eye of the sun. It was about midday, and bright for this climate. They at first made small circles, and the young birds imitated them. They paused on their wings, waiting till they had made their first flight, and then took a second and larger gyration: always rising towards the sun, and enlarging their circle of flight so as to make a gradually ascending spiral. The young ones still and slowly followed, apparently flying better as they mounted; and they continued this sublime exercise, always rising, till they became mere points in the air, and the young ones were lost, and afterwards their parents, to our aching sight.”

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4th — As this picture is used to show us our redemption by Christ, the mystery of God’s providence, and the way the Lord leads us and teaches us throughout our pilgrimage through this world, it also **gives us a vivid picture of our God’s wondrous operations of grace in salvation.** — *“So, the LORD alone did lead them.”* — **With those words Moses portrayed the grace and power of our God in our experience of his great salvation.**

He who was made sin for us is our omnipotent Savior. His wings, like the eagle’s, are broad enough and strong enough to carry his own. Our great God, *“the God of all grace,”* by the irresistible power of his Holy Spirit, stirs up his nest. He will not allow his children (chosen, redeemed sinners) to remain as they are born into this world. He would not allow us to sleep forever in the unawakened state of sin and death. He has brought us out of our unregenerate state of spiritual death.

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We were at ease and had no desire to be awakened and stirred out of our death slumber. But the Lord our God, because of his great love for us, awakened us, stirred us up and brought us out, by sending a gospel preacher in the power of his Spirit to arouse us.

- He sent his law into our consciences, working in us a sense of guilt, wrath, and death.
- By his Spirit, revealing Christ in us, he convinced us of our sin, of Christ’s righteousness, and of judgment finished.
- Exerting the omnipotent power of his grace, he plucked us as brands out of the burning.
- Taking us up on his omnipotent wings of mercy, he taught us to fly with heart aspirations after him, setting our hearts upon Christ and things above.
- This mighty work of grace he performs by the preaching of the gospel (Romans 10:17; Hebrews 4:12; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23-25). — The gospel preacher is sent of God like “*a flying*

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eagle” (Revelation 4:7), with the word of grace to his chosen.

He has led us and fed us all the days of our lives. He has, as it were, **hovered over us**, though we knew it not, from our mother’s wombs. Even now, he causes us to “*mount up with wings as eagles,*” to soar aloft in the exercise of faith, hope, and love, entering within into the veil, into the holiest of all by the blood of Christ, living in the constant and comfortable expectation of “*the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*” He lifts us up from our low estate and raises us in sweet communion with himself, bearing us on his heart, in his hands and on his arms, supporting us in all our temptations and afflictions, and carrying us through all our troubles and difficulties, safe to eternal glory and happiness.

REVIVING GRACE

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5th — **Yet, we are ever inclined to lethargic indifference.** Are we not? Do you not often find yourself so? I know I do. But, blessed be his name, — *“As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: (12) So the LORD”* stirs and awakens our souls, spreads abroad his mighty wings of grace, bears us upon them, and so, *fifth, **God our Savior revives our languishing hearts with grace.***

How often I sleep, though my heart wakes. How often when my Savior comes, I refuse him. Yet he puts his hand into my heart, dropping the sweet-smelling myrrh of his grace into my wretched heart, and graciously causes me to awake, arise, and seek him, until at last I find him. Then, he brings me into his banqueting house and spreads his banner of love over me, causes me to know more fully with every experience of his love that many waters cannot quench his love, neither can the floods of my sin drown it!

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(Psalm 103:1) “Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *ble*ss his holy name. (2) Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: (3) Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; (4) Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; (5) Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

(Isaiah 40:29) “He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength. (30) Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: (31) 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.”

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What fears possess my mind!
Savior, I long to see Your face,
For grace and peace divine!

With broken heart, and waiting long,
Beneath this crushing load,
I own my sin, confess my wrong,
And stretch my hands to God.

My wretched heart, my God, I mourn;
And for my sin I weep!
With every lust obscene I burn,
And sink into the deep!

As Satan raises Moses up
And roars against my soul,
Lord Jesus, my poor cause take up
And make Your servant whole!

Arise, O Lord! Shine forth in grace!
Your precious blood apply!
Embrace my soul, dear Prince of Peace,

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Blest Rock higher than I!

Speak, Savior, let me hear Your voice,
Show me, again, Your face!

Oh! Hear my inmost groans and cries. —
Revive my soul with grace!

GOD’S ELECTION

6th — **The eagle also portrays God’s sweet and blessed election of some to salvation in Christ.** The eagle will usually lay three eggs, but normally only hatches and rears one, devoting everything to its chosen. So, the Lord our God has chosen One, even our Lord Jesus Christ, as his Elect; and, blessed be his name, he has chosen us in him and as one with him. Though all the rest of Adam’s fallen race are left to themselves, as the unhatched eggs in the eagle’s nest, **our great God devotes himself entirely to his chosen!**

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Let every ransomed sinner rejoice and give thanks for this sweet, comforting word of grace from our God. — *“As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings; so, the LORD alone did lead him.”* Christ, our God and Savior, has born and still bears us upon eagle’s wings. He stirred us up and brought us to himself. He will not allow any of his little ones to perish. It is written, *“he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.”* While on his omnipotent wings of mercy, nothing can touch us until it first touches him. Nothing can harm us, until it first harms him. Nothing can destroy us, until it first destroys him! How safe, how secure we are on his wings!

CHRIST ALONE

7th — **Then, in verse 12 we read, “The LORD alone did lead him.”** It was the Lord alone who performed all this work for his people of old. And it is the Lord alone who has performed all this great work for us.

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- He alone separated us from the sons of Adam in eternal election, by special redemption, and in effectual calling.
- He alone chose us as his portion.
- He alone found us by his grace.
- He alone has led us about.
- He alone has instructed us by his Spirit.
- He alone has kept us as the apple of his eye.
- He alone spreads abroad his omnipotent wings, takes us up, and carries us on his wings to eternal glory!

(1 Corinthians 4:7) “For who maketh thee to differ *from another*? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive *it*, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received *it*?”

Go back to Exodus 19:4-6. I want you to see this and rejoice. **In the Book of God, God’s “ifs” are not conditions we must meet, but promises God will keep.** God’s “if” in Exodus 19:5 is to be read, not as

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a condition that must be met by us, but as God’s promise to us that he would meet the condition, supplying for Jacob and Israel, the whole house of his elect, everything connected with the promise. So, read the promise again (Exodus 19:5-6). **First read it as we have it in the King James Version.**

(Exodus 19:4-6) “Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself. (5) Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine: (6) And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.”

Now, listen, as I read this text to you from Young’s Literal Translation.

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(Exodus 19:4-6) “You have seen what I did to bondage; and I bore you on wings of eagles and brought you to Me. (5) **And now if listening you will listen to My voice, and will keep My covenant, you shall become a special treasure to Me above all the nations, for all the earth is Mine.** (6) **And you shall become a kingdom of priests for Me, a holy nation.** These are the words which you shall speak to the sons of he will rule with God.”

As he promised, so he has performed the work.

(1 Peter 2:5-10) “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. (6) Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. (7) Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone

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which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, (8) And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. (9) But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: (10) Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

After commenting on this portion of Scripture, **Robert Hawker** made the following supplication to our God. Blessed are those whose hearts echo his prayer. — “Oh Lord, give me grace rightly to enjoy and use such marvellous blessings. And since, to the wisdom and strength of the eagle, thou hast now added the tenderness and solicitude of the hen, do thou, Lord, gather me under thy wings, and nourish me with thy love and favor, that I may be thine

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forever, and live here by faith, as hereafter I hope to live with thee in glory.”

Amen.

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¹ Reading: (Psalm 91:1-16)

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely, he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;

6 *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the Most High, thy habitation;

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10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.