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Word from the Watchman – God Renews our Youth like the Eagle's

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, **SO THAT YOUR YOUTH IS RENEWED LIKE THE EAGLE'S.**" (Psalm 103:1-5 NKJV).*

If I could point out a portion of Scripture, which could be identified as **MY DAILY BREAD**, it would be the above Scriptures. You could preach a sermon on any of the six benefits. In this Teaching Letter, I will focus upon the benefit: *"...So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."*

I could focus on natural science, and write about the eagle losing his feathers during the molting season; and therefore, also losing his strength. Then, when new feathers grow back, the eagle regains his strength, and soon thereafter is soaring high in the sky. However, instead of focusing on the natural application, I will instead focus on the spiritual application.

In the service of the Lord, do you ever feel like it's the molting season? Do you ever feel weary, and seemingly without strength? If you are like me, you have such seasons. Many times, I have threatened to quit the ministry. I have told the Lord: *"That it; this is as far as I can go!"*

Then, somehow, the Lord renews my strength, and I get back to the work of the ministry. Isaiah 40:29-31 also speaks about the eagle:

*"He (God) gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who **WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH**; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (NKJV).*

As you might imagine, the word **WAIT** in the above Scriptures means: *"to wait, to look for, to hope for, to expect."* In other words, **DO NOT QUIT; DO NOT GIVE UP!** The Apostle Paul once asked the church at Galatia:

*"You ran well. **WHO HINDERED YOU** from obeying the truth?" (Galatians 5:7 NKJV).*

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Obviously, the **WHO** in the previous verse could apply to the devil, or his demons. 1 Peter 5:8-9 says:

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. **RESIST HIM, STEADFAST IN THE FAITH**, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”* (NKJV).

All of us go through difficult times; it says so in the above Scriptures: *“...the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”* And, sometimes, it seems like we are going to fall down, without any possibility of getting up!

Sometimes, I run into what I will call: Smiley-Faced Christians, who act like every moment of every day is gloriously wonderful. I think to myself: *“Where did they come from?”* From my experiences, much of the Christian life is like war!

Yet, it is also a fact that the promises in God’s Word are true. And, if we will fight the good fight of faith by holding fast to those promises, the Lord will eventually fulfill them in our lives. And, in the process of fulfilling his promises, he will **RENEW OUR STRENGTH** like the eagle’s.

One of my favorite portions of Scripture – of late – because of times of difficulty is Hebrews 6:10-12:

*“For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience **INHERIT THE PROMISES.**”* (NKJV).

Interestingly, our Foundational Scriptures say: *“...so that your **YOUTH** is renewed like the eagle’s.”* Even though our bodies are growing older every day, the born-again, spirit-man inside of us does not age. And, when the Lord delivers us from difficulties – imposed upon us by the devil and his demons – by fulfilling his promises in our lives, our spirit-man soars, and it’s like we are **YOUNG AGAIN**.

At those times when God renews our strength, it is indeed as 1 Peter 1:8 describes: *“...with joy unspeakable and full of glory.”* (KJV).

How do people make it without God in their lives? I am astonished at the number of celebrities who have Therapists to help them cope with life. Unfortunately, much of the time, the Therapists also need therapy. Only the Lord truly has the power to **RENEW OUR STRENGTH** like the eagle’s, and **RENEW OUR YOUTH** like the eagle’s.

Signs of the End Times – Part 2

Last month, I began a new teaching series, entitled: *“Signs of the End Times.”* I began this teaching series by emphasizing **DECEPTION** as the most devastating sign to be on guard against during these End Times. You see, it is one thing to be deceived, and lose some money, or prestige, or pride. However, it is entirely another thing to be deceived, and lose your eternal spirit and soul.

This month, I will continue to emphasize **DECEPTION** as a sign of the End times. Listen carefully to the following words from Matthew 24:24-26, as Jesus continues to warn us about deception. Pay particular attention to the words which are in **bold**, CAPITALIZED letters:

*“For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders **TO DECEIVE, IF POSSIBLE, EVEN THE ELECT.** See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore if they say to you: Look, He is in the desert, do not go out; or Look, He is in the inner rooms, do not believe it.”* (NKJV).

NOTE: Last month – from 1 Peter 2:9-10 – I pointed out that the words: **ELECT**, or **CHOSEN**, are not just referring to Jews who are saved during the End Times, but to everyone who has accepted Jesus Christ.

From the above Scriptures, Jesus did not say it would definitely be **POSSIBLE** to deceive the elect in the End Times, but neither did he say it would be **IMPOSSIBLE**. Very clearly, this was a warning from the Lord, and it should not be taken lightly, or explained away! The Apostle Paul, writing by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, revealed the following:

*“Now the Spirit expressly says (or, very clearly says) that **IN LATTER TIMES** some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.”* (1 Timothy 4:1-2 NKJV).

Those who believe in a *“Once Saved, Always Saved”* doctrine would try to explain that such people were never truly saved. I disagree. Someone could not depart from the faith, unless they had been in the faith!

I personally know someone (and, probably many of you know someone) who once proclaimed Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; who now deny him! About such people, 2 Peter 2:20-22 says:

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“For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: A dog returns to his own vomit, and, a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.” (NKJV).

How could such a devastating thing happen? From 1 Timothy 4:1-2 (previous page ←): They **LISTEN** to deceiving spirits, and **CHANGE WHAT THEY BELIEVE** to doctrines of demons!

From Matthew 24:24-26 (on the reverse ←) Jesus said: *“For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders...”* Even if you see great signs and wonders, do not follow those who perform them!

Let me re-emphasize what I just said: Even if you see with your own eyes, someone perform great signs and wonders; someone who claims to be the Christ, do not believe in them! Our Heavenly Father has already given his **ONLY** begotten Son, and there will not be another Savior:

*“For God so loved the world that **HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NIV).*

In Galatians 1:8-9, the Apostle Paul also warned about deception:

*“But even if we, **OR AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN**, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.” (NKJV).*

Teacher's Notes:

Pertaining to Paul's warning in Galatians 1:8-9 (above ↑), I should remind you that the Mormon Religion was established upon an alleged angelic visitation, which Joseph Smith (the founder of the Mormon Church) claimed to have received. During his so-called angelic visitation, Joseph Smith received a gospel message contrary to the Gospel that Paul preached. Thus, Mormonism is a false religion, and one of the greatest deceptions in these End Times.

In these End Times, stick closely to the doctrines of Christ – as taught by Jesus himself, and his original Apostles – as written within the pages of God's Word (the Bible), and you will not be deceived.