

## Lessons from the birds!

### The Eagle

- Deuteronomy 32:11-12 *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, and there was no strange god with him.*
  - Moses is reviewing what God had done for Israel, and we can apply it to what He does for us today.
  - Eagles protect their young and make provision for them.
  - The fluttering is the example of how the young are to fly. Eagles teach the young to fly.
  - God does not indulge us in sitting around in laziness, but stirs us up to leave the nest and serve.
  - God alone leads us, so we should serve God alone, and look only to God (and godly leaders) for guidance.
- Exodus 19:4 - *I bore you on eagles' wings.* When we need help because our own strength is gone, God bears us on his own wings.
- Psalms 103:5 God has given us pledge of long life: *Thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*
  - An eagle molts his wings and grows new ones. His youth is renewed!
  - 2Corinthians 4:16 *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.*

### The Dove

- Psalms 55:6 *O that I had wings like a dove!*
  - Doves fly low, looking for shelter.

- *I would fly away and be at rest.*
  - There are times when we need to find shelter in God just to be at rest with God and enjoy His presence.
  - In today's world, that is our only source of peace.
- It's our responsibility to fly like the dove to find our shelter in God, daily, before trouble begins, but also in every situation of life, knowing the strength and peace only God can give.

### **The Fowls of the Air**

- Matthew 6:26 *Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?*
  - There are hundreds of sorts of fowls of the air, of every possible size, but our heavenly Father feeds them all. Psalm 50:11 - *I know all the fowls of the mountains* - birds we know nothing about and never see, but God knows them and feeds them.
  - He is their Master and Creator; but besides all this, he is your Father, and according to God Himself, *ye are of more value than many sparrows;*
  - They trust the Father's providence. Do we?
  - Isaiah 40:31
- Birds by instinct sing! Their songs are praise as they do what their Creator designed. What silences our praise? If we are truly trusting God to care for us, nothing will silence our praise.