

4-12-2020 (Easter Sunday)

Hebrews 4:13(NLT) “ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.”

*In all of this that is happening today, God was not surprised by what happened and He is not surprised by what is happening on a daily basis concerning this virus. God is still God, He loves us, speaks to us and gives us promises in His Word to hold on to.

Eagle-mentioned 34 times in scripture, some of the largest birds, symbolize power & freedom, powerful talons, strong legs, wing span 6-8 feet, pound for pound an eagle wing is stronger than a wing of airplane, can dive as fast as 200 mph to catch baby eagles as they learn how to fly or to catch prey, some eagles can fly away with prey that weighs more than they do.

Pinion-outer part of a birds wing including flight feathers.

Psalms 91:4 (NASB-New American Standard Bible) “ He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.”

****Cover**-sakak(saw-kak’)-to overshadow, screen, cover, to hedge, shut in

*Same word that is used in following scriptures:

Psalms 140:7(NKJ) “O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.”

Ezekiel 28:14 (NLT) “ As my glorious presence passes by, I will hide you in the crevice of the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.”

****Pinions**-ebrah(eb-raw’), word origin eber

*Same word is used in following scriptures:

Deut. 32:11 (NLT) “Like an eagle that rouses her chicks and hovers over her young, so he spread his wings to take them up and carried them safely on his pinions.”

Isaiah 40:31 (NLT) “But those who trust(wait, hope) in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” (a result of waiting/trusting/hoping on/in God)

****Under**-underneath, below

*Find in following scriptures:

2 Samuel 22:37(NKJ) “You enlarged my path under me; so my feet did not slip (so that my ankles do not give way)”

Psalms 18:33,36 (NKJ) 33 “He makes my feet like the feet of deer(NLT as sure footed as a deer), and sets me on my high places. 36 You enlarged my path under me, so my feet did not slip.”

****May seek refuge**

may-expressing possibility/permission

seek refuge-chayah(khaw-saw’)-have hope , make refuge, put trust, to confide in

****His faithfulness**

Faithfulness-the quality of being faithful (loyal, steadfast, trustworthy, constant, dependable)

2 Thessalonians 3:3(ESV) “But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.”

Psalms 86:15(ESV) “But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”

1 John 1:9(ESV) “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

****shield**-large shield, shield-bearer, shield-carrier

*shield-bearer-an attendant who carries a warrior's shield

1 Samuel 17:7,41(story of David and Goliath) 7 "...and the shield-bearer went before him. 41 "...with the shield-bearer in front of him."

God goes before us

Deuteronomy 31:8(NLT) "Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you."

Exodus 13:21(NLT) "The LORD went ahead of them. He guided them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and he provided light at night with a pillar of fire. This allowed them to travel by day or by night."

Isaiah 52:12(NLT) "You will not leave in a hurry, running for your lives. For the Lord will go ahead of you; yes, the God of Israel will protect you from behind."

Isaiah 45:2 "I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron."

****bulwark**-a defensive wall

****buckler**-a small round shield held by a handle at arm's length; shield worn on the left arm; one that shields and protects; ranged in size from 8 to 15 inches; used as a deflector, a blinder, a "metal fist"

God's uses an eagle to let us know that He will overshadow us, covering us with his wings. When we fall He will swoop down and carry us on His wing. We have been given an invitation to seek refuge in Him and when we do He is Faithful, loyal, trustworthy and constant to go before us as a shield-bearer to protect and strike down the evil that is on our path. Today let us remember how Jesus went before us to the cross as our shield-bearer to defeat the enemy. Because of His death and resurrection we do not have to be enslaved to sin or the lies that the

enemy whispers in our ear. Especially now when things around us look to be out of control we need to hold on to the fact that God is sovereign, faithful, all-powerful, all-knowing, He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End, and He is in total control. Even when God seems to be silent there is always great power moving on our behalf.

