

MSG 5: The Wings of an Eagle, the Hands of a Man, and the Feet of a Calf

[Ezek 1:5] four living creatures...

[Ezek 1:11]... two wings of each were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies

[Ezek 1:8] And the hands of a man were under their wings

[Ezek 1:7] And their feet were straight feet, and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the sight of burnished bronze.

I. [11] "The wings of an eagle" signify the resurrection power of Christ, becoming our grace

- A. Eagle as a symbol of the Spirit of power [Isa 40:31] Yet those who wait on Jehovah will renew their strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles
- B. Becoming our grace [Exo 19:4] You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself : Grace is God who becomes our enjoyment, that is He
- C. Becoming our life [Col 3:4] ...Christ (is) our life
- D. We will need to wait on Him in order to experience Him : Stop in ourselves and be replaced by Him
- E. Boast in nothing but the grace of God [2 Cor 1:12] For our boasting is...not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world.... The more we rely on the His grace the more we are able to
- F. Experience grace for moving and for covering [2 Cor 12:9] I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me

II. [8] "The hands of a man" signifies that a normal Christian should always do things exactly like a man

- A. Paul was very human in his living and doing things in a human way even though he experienced the eagle's wings
[1 Thes 2:7] ... were gentle in your midst, as a nursing mother would cherish her own children
- B. We must do things in a human way no matter how much the Lord is empowering us
- C. The highest humanity is to express the divine attributes in our human virtues...
- D. That is, to live out the Christ who lives in us
- E. And to live in a Jesusly human way according to the humanity of Jesus
 - Satan is trying to damage humanity which is both the means and the channel created by God for His economy
 - We need to live a genuinely human life by the divine life and nature
[Phil 4:5] Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is near
[Gal 2:20] ...it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me
- F. Our wonderful Savior lives and works as life within us in a very human way
- G. The Spirit today has been constituted with the glorified humanity of Jesus
- H. We need to experience the Spirit of God as the Spirit of Jesus
[Acts 16:7] ... they tried to go into Bithynia, yet the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them
 - The Spirit of Jesus has not only the divine element of God but also the human element of Jesus, the elements of His human living and His suffering of death as well
 - The ministry of the apostles is in human life, hence the need for this Spirit of suffering
 - ✓ This suffering Spirit makes us have a mind to suffer and become a man according to Jesus

III. [7] "The feet of a calf" signifies that we should walk like a calf, having straight feet

- A. The feet are straight : signifies that we should walk straight
[Eph 4:1] therefore, to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called
Hence we need to have the straight feet and
- B. The divided hoof : signifying that we need discernment of what is right and what is wrong in the eyes of God in our Christian walk
 - The most profound discernment comes from the most profound dealings
 - The more we experience Christ, the more we will discern matters not by our cleverness but by the Christ who lives within us
[Heb 5:14] ... the full-grown, who because of practice have their faculties exercised for discriminating between both good and evil
[Phil 1:9] ...may abound yet more and more in full knowledge and all discernment
- Experiencing Christ will make us
- C. Have feet that sparkled like the sight of burnished bronze : signifying that we need a walk that has been tested and burned by the Lord
 - So that it will be like shining bronze, enlightening and testing others
Unto the judgment seat of Christ I daily look away;
May all my living and my work abide the fire that day – Br. Watchman Nee
- We enjoy grace and live in the presence of God, as a
- D. Calf : signifying that we are fresh, living, and vigorous
 - Our Christian walk should be a "skipping walk", a walk that is full of life
 - If we enjoy grace and live in the presence of God, we will always be new and fresh, without oldness
[Mal 4:2] ... you will go forth and leap about like well-fed calves.

THE CONCLUSION

IV. The spiritual meaning of having "the wings of an eagle", "the hands of a man", and "the feet of a calf" is – If we are covered under the grace of God, live out the humanity of Jesus, and walk straight, then we can be coordinated and become one corporate entity for the carrying out of God's economy