## CALLED INTO HIS KINGDOM

# The Promise of God's Power

Isaiah 40 & 41

#### Isaiah 40

- 25 "To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?" asks the Holy One.
- 26 Look up into the heavens.
  Who created all the stars?

He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name.

Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.

- 27 O Jacob, how can you say the LORD does not see your troubles?
  - O Israel, how can you say God ignores your rights?
- 28 Have you never heard?

  Have you never understood?

21 Haven't you heard?
Don't you understand?

Are you deaf to the Words of God—the Words He gave before the world began?

Are you so ignorant?

22 God sits above the circle of the earth.

The people below seem like grasshoppers to him!

He spreads out the heavens like a curtain and makes His tent from them.

He judges the great people of the world and brings them all to nothing.

24 They hardly get started, barely taking root, when He blows on them and they wither. The wind carries them off like chaff.

28 Have you never heard?
Have you never understood?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth.

He never grows weak or weary.

No one can measure
the depths of His understanding.

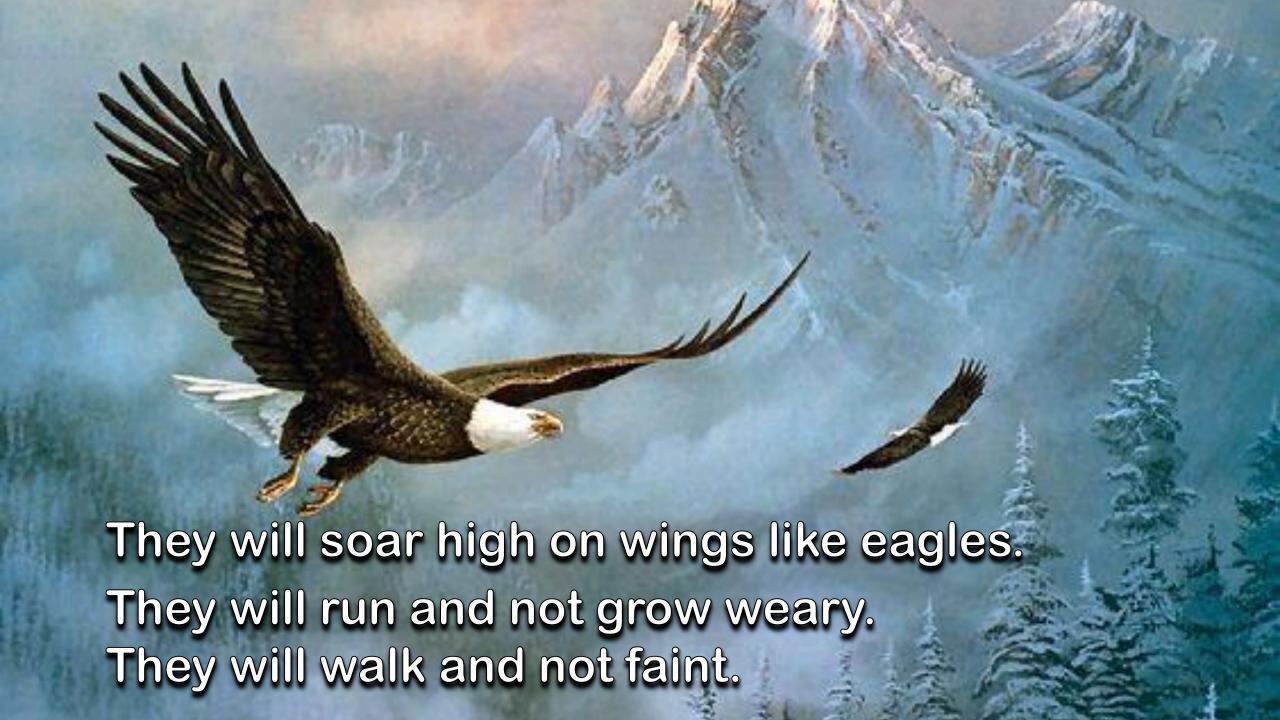


He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.

30 Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion.

31 But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength.







### Isaiah 41:1-14 NLT God's Help for Israel

1 "Listen in silence before me, you lands beyond the sea.
Bring your strongest arguments.
Come now and speak.
The court is ready for your case.

2 "Who has stirred up this king from the east, rightly calling him to God's service?

Who gives this man victory over many nations and permits him to trample their kings underfoot?

With his sword, he reduces armies to dust. With his bow, he scatters them like chaff before the wind.

3 He chases them away and goes on safely, though he is walking over unfamiliar ground.

4 Who has done such mighty deeds, summoning each new generation from the beginning of time?

It is I, the LORD, the First and the Last. I alone Am He."

The lands beyond the sea watch in fear.

Remote lands tremble and mobilize for war.

- The idol makers encourage one another, saying to each other, "Be strong!"
- 7 The carver encourages the goldsmith, and the molder helps at the anvil.

"Good," they say. "It's coming along fine."

Carefully they join the parts together,
then fasten the thing in place so it won't fall over.

8 "But as for you, Israel My servant, Jacob My chosen one, descended from Abraham My friend,

9 I have called you back from the ends of the earth, saying, 'You are My servant.'

For I have chosen you and will not throw you away.



10 Don't be afraid, for I am with you.

Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you.
I will hold you up with My Victorious Right Hand.

11 "See, all your angry enemies lie there, confused and humiliated.

Anyone who opposes you will die and come to nothing.



- 12 You will look in vain for those who tried to conquer you. Those who attack you will come to nothing.
- 13 For I hold you by your right hand—
  I, the LORD your God.
  And I say to you,
  'Don't be afraid. I am here to help you.

14 Though you are a lowly worm, O Jacob, don't be afraid, people of Israel, for I will help you.

I Am the LORD, your Redeemer.
I Am the Holy One of Israel.'



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