

BURUBURU COMMUNITY CENTRE CHURCH OF GOD

SERMON ON 8TH JULY 2018 BY BISHOP HELLEN

TEXT: ISAIAH 40:30-31

THEME: HOW TO WAIT UPON THE LORD.

INTRODUCTION

The aim of writing the text we are looking today was to give people hope and lift their faith in time of trouble and distress.

- The verses illustrates how a person who trust in God can overcome any obstacles in his or her path, even to the extent of being carried away as a slave to Babylon as was with the Nation of Israel.

-In this verse we shall focus on one of the birds mentioned in this verse as we know that each of the birds is special but the Eagle is extraordinary. It possesses great beauty and has tremendous strength and skills. This is one of the birds that is highly respected by man.

-The word Eagle appears in the Bible 32 times which mean that there is a specific reason why this word is appearing in the Bible. It is known for their strength and courage

- Waiting upon the Lord cannot be overcome by faith in money, property or job, but by faith in God.

-Isaiah says “but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, and they will walk and not be faint”.

What are the relevance of this scripture today?

-Isaiah is comforting his people by drawing a parallel in scripture on how God came through their ancestors in a Big way, the Exodus from Egypt. The prophet is bringing it out that since God brought his people out of captivity and slavery of Egypt, then He can certainly do the same for them concerning the captivity in Babylon. *Exodus 19:14.*

- The phrase wait on Yahweh means to wait for his help: put your trust, hope and confidence in him.

-This is an encouragement to the believers of these days. Wait upon the lord even in your hardship and difficult moments wait upon the Lord.

- Most of believers are living in captivity today, you don't know when your trials and tribulation will be over but one thing I have come to encourage you today is that, wait upon the Lord and have your hope fixed in him.

-Building your hope and wait upon the Lord does not mean that you have to seat in the comfort zone; you need to come out of your comfort zone, for the renewal of your strength.

- There are people who don't want to get out of their comfort zones and wait upon the lord, An eagle does not live in comfort zone.

- The bible does not give any short cuts of waiting upon the Lord, but faith in God with perseverance

1. Put your hope in the Lord. Remove where your hope is and put it in the Lord. Those who hope in the Lord will renew will renew their strength. God puts his breath in you and not your money or property, or your pastor but in you when, you hope in the Lord. ***Your spiritual challenges cannot be solved with any other thing a part from waiting upon the Lord.***

2. You will mount in wings like an eagle this word eagle **appear 32 times** in the bible. It is the no of covenant, no of trinity, no of persecutions for Christians ***Revelation 2:10***. God is a covenant keeping, so when you trust him he keeps the covenant promise.

- **Psalm 103:5** when you put your hope in the lord He will satisfy your heart with good things so that your youth can be renewed.

-**Job 39:27-30** describe how Eagle builds. The eagle does not build its nest in one day but it is done for long time.

- **Revelation 4:7** when you are almost like giving up in you challenges just lift your eyes and see the picture of the eagle and pray to God that he may renew your

strength. When you are annoyed just see the picture of a loin and you will discover how everybody is running from you.

How do you keep your hope and wait upon the Lord?

1. **You must have a vision that is clear on waiting upon God.** If you have to successes in waiting upon the Lord, desire to grow in your faith in God, you must have the vision and must be able to see five years ahead. An eagle is a bird that sees beyond. Where there is no vision people perish.
2. **Feed on a spiritual balance died.** An Eagle does not eat carcass, but eat fresh things. It can pick the food from the lake and eat. **You as a church you need not to depend on one methods of doing things. The method** that worked 5 years might not work today. You have to be innovative even in **keeping your faith and hope in the lord.** The method that worked **yesterday may not work today; the principles may be the same. The bible says his mercies are** new every day and behold I am doing a new thing.
3. **Build your faith in one God.** An Eagle builds on one tree. It doesn't move from one tree to another but it remains firm on one and this makes it successful. If you want to be successful in waiting upon the Lord, and in the growth of the church maintain whatever your have by servicing it.
4. **Put your hope in one God.** An Eagle can only keep one partner until that one dies is one it can go to another. If you want to have hope in the lord and wait upon him for the renewal of your strength, **stop putting your hope in people, and jumping from one church to another for this will pollute your hope and faith then you will faint.** Focus on one thing at a time for you to successes. If you are chasing two things at the same time you may not successes.
5. **Some time make decision alone.** Some time sit alone and make a decision on how you want to move forward in life with God and even in some of the family matters. If you work in group most of the time you will find it hard even in making decision.
6. **Build your faith, courage and hope in stages.** Achievement does not come in one day, but long team investments are leads to successes. BY BISHOP WASWA HELLEN

