

**Intro:**

Main Point of Text: God makes His humble, redeemed people an exalted, holy nation by way of covenant renewal.

Sermon Point: *Fly high and fly holy in Christ.*

**Move 1: God has already hatched you into His family of holy eagles.**

Vss. 1, 3, 6: “children of Israel”. Already so at beginning: Ex. 1:1; 3:1, 6-7, 9-12, 15-18; 4:4-5; 6:1-8 (esp. 7 with 19:5). Thus, vs. 4: “brought you unto myself”. So your heavenly Father hatched you for Himself, and still draws you irresistibly to Himself: Deut. 32:9-10; *But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.* (Isa 41:8); John 3:7: must be born of God.

**Move 2: God wants you to soar to great heights of holiness, for which He has made you able.**

God imposes His “covenant”, but He wants mutual affection/expression: vs. 5. Wants to renew vows with every generation of Christ’s seed. Wants you to be like Moses in Ex. 15:2. Generational covenant renewal. Like Deuteronomy. Like Joshua 24:15ff. Like Ex. 19:7-8. Like Ex. 4:29-31; 12:21-28. “I bare you on eagle’s wings”, not speaking of baby birds that just hatched, but large birds being “proved” for flight. Deut. 32:11-13: *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. He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;* God wants you to fly. Isa 40:29-31; Revelation 12:14; Ex. 19:4: “brought you to myself.” From Egypt, through Sea/dessert, to Mt. Sinai! What a flight! Not the Church saving itself, but by God’s grace, the perseverance of the saints! Vs. 3: A reminder of Peniel in Gen. 46:8: though you flap your wings like Jacobites, I will always help you fly as Israelites. Psa 103:5, 7, 12-13.

**Move 3: Soar with the Spirit of Christ far above this wicked world!**

Vss. 5-6: *And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God:* (Exo 6:7); Deu 7:6: *For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth;* Deut. 26:17-19: *Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice: And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments; And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken:*

- READ 1 Pet. 2:5-9.

- Rev. 1:6, 5:10, 19:14; 20:6: *Jesus has made us kings and priests unto God to conquer and rule the earth forever.* Priests: have nearness to God, privileged representatives of Him to world.

God made His covenant people holy to be holy: five times in Leviticus, also quoted by Peter: 1 Pet. 1:15-16. Also, in Lev. a constant call for a “holy convocation”. Group of eagles: convocation, Latin: “come together”; Greek: ἐκκλησία (church):

- 1 Cor. 3:17; 2 Cor. 7:1
- Psa 4:3; 29:2; Psa 93:5
- Luke 1:68-75
- Rom 12:1; 13:14
- Titus 2:12-14
- 1 Thess. 4:3: God’s will for your life is sanctification. He will help you do what He wants!

***Conclusion:***

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