ISAIAH 40:25-31

» 25 ⁺ To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

» 26 ⁺ Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

 \sim 27 ⁺ ¶ Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

» 28 ⁺ Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

>> 29 + He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

» 30 ⁺ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

» 31 ⁺ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

JOB 39:27-30

27 † Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high?
 28 † She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.

29 + From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off.

» 30 ⁺ Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she.

PSALM 103:1-6

 $\gg~1~^+~$ ¶ A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

» 2 ⁺ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

» 3 ⁺ Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

» 4 [†] Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

» 5 [†] Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

> 6 + ¶ The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

53-0328 ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.4_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN IC 97-128 SATURDAY_

« 57 [†] On up they come into the smitten Rock. Notice when they come to the Rock, they had need. Now, Moses smote the Rock with the rod. That's where we left last night. Smote the Rock with the rod, and the rod was God's judgment rod. And he smote the Rock, and there was a cleft in the left side of the Rock. When the children of Israel got hungry, they went there. And a beehive, a bee had got in there and had made a hive, and they got honey out of the Rock. Everything they had need of was in the Rock. The Rock followed the church, and the Rock was Christ Jesus. When they were thirsty, they drank from the Rock. When they were hungry, they ate from the Rock. Wherever they went, the Rock followed them. And the Rock's still following the church. Christ is the Rock that was in the wilderness. Notice now, then, that same Rock...

50-0819 SHOW.US.THE.FATHER.AND.IT.SUFFICES_ CLEVELAND.OH SATURDAY_

« E-51 [†] He was a God-man. I believe He was the--the infinite Son of God, borned of the virgin Mary. That's right. Everything the Bible said He was, I believe He was. When He was on earth, He looked like God; He talked like God; He--He preached like God; He rose like God; He ascended like God. He, God was in Him, God manifested here in a body of flesh on the earth in a form, His Son, Christ Jesus.

Notice. God was in His Son. He was always... God deals back there in the beginning. When He was with the Israelites, coming through the wilderness, there was a rock going along there, following them, a spiritual rock. And God told Moses, "Smite the rock, and it'll bring forth water."

What was it? He smote it with the rod that was in his hand. That rod wasn't Moses' rod; that was God's rod, the judgment. And he smote the rock, and the rock brought forth water.

50-0819 SHOW.US.THE.FATHER.AND.IT.SUFFICES_ CLEVELAND.OH SATURDAY_

« E-52 ⁺ And when one time they wanted a drink, they went to the rock. When they wanted something to eat, they went down and a bunch of bees had a hive in there. In the rock there was a cleft. God stood in the cleft. The bees had their nest in the cleft. Anything they had need of, they went to the rock. And the Bible clearly teaches that Christ was that Rock that was in the wilderness.

If you're thirsty tonight, go to the Rock. If you want honey, sweetness, go to the Rock. If you want life, go to the Rock. If you want to believe God was in His Son, go to the Rock. He was in the Rock. Speak to the Rock, and It'll bring forth Its waters. There you are, God in His Son.

58-0500 THE.EAGLE.STIRRING.HER.NEST_ NEW.ENGLAND.AREA.USA

« E-27 ⁺ Yet, an eagle, all he hears, how much different he is from a chicken, but they're both birds. What is a chicken? A chicken is his denominational brother, but he's a chicken. How much different it is from a chicken. The eagle goes just as high as he can and builds his nest in the cleft of the rock. And he gets up there so no predator can get to him. That's the way a real preacher builds his church, as an eagle of God, he places it on the Word and the Spirit of God, so that the un--all the old gappers and old short-wearers, and cigar smokers, and hee-haw gamblers can't touch it. Because He could send eagles so high and born into the Kingdom of God, that all the old...?... of Elvis Presley, Arthur Godfrey, that bunch of stuff. Just turn away from it. Because you are eagles in the hour of God...?... is at the Spirit of the living God. They're high ambitions...

57-0705 THE.EAGLE.IN.HER.NEST_ CHICAGO.IL FRIDAY_

« E-17 ⁺ This old mother eagle flies into the nest one day all ex--unexpected to the little eaglets, and as she comes in... Oh, how I've laid and watched them and weep like a baby, with my binoculars trained on them, my horse tied off somewhere, watching them. And she'll fly into the nest, and she'll take those great wings, and she'll give them a great shower of wind. It shakes every loose feather out of them. Because she's fixing to give them their first little solo flight. And you can't have loose feathers when you're solo flying for the Lord. She flies in, and they have a mighty rushing wind. They never felt it before, because they were born in the cleft of the rock. Why? They are eagles. But God changes it, He gives them something new. As the Church was borned in the cleft of the rock we cannot be satisfied there; God stirs up the nest sometimes, comes in with a mighty rushing wind like He did on the day of Pentecost, and all the old worldly loose feathers fly out. He sends a Pentecostal revival and shakes up the nest.

Then He gives a certain scream. Oh, all the little eaglets know something is fixing to happen. They're eagles; that's the reason. When you see a shaking time come, eagles are ready for a blessing. The Church is ready for something, the true Church of God, when they see a shaking time coming.

59-0815 AS.THE.EAGLE.STIRRETH.UP.HER.NEST_ CHAUTAUQUA.OH SATURDAY_

« E-31 [†] Then this eagle, before he builds this nest, he first he finds a place to build it. And then when he goes to build it, he carries great big heavy sticks. Because sometimes he goes into a cleft in the rock. The eagle usually hunts a cleft.

And the true Church of the living God will get into the cleft of the side of Jesus, the Rock of Ages. "Where upon this rock I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against It," or no rats of the world will touch it, scallywags and so forth of the world that brings in and draws back. God sanctifies His people, and fills them with the Holy Ghost, and places them up. You're different.

55-0122 THIS.GREAT.SERVANT.MOSES_ CHICAGO.IL SATURDAY_

« E-34 [†] What is the rocks. The rocks has been washed by the same waters, or watered by the Word. They have to cry out. Said, "If they hold their peace, the rocks will immediately cry out." Something had to take place. The rocks...

Notice later on, when they needed some water, only thing they had to do was speak to the rock. One day they were hungry, and they went hunting, and they found in this cleft in the rock was honey, hanging in the cleft.

The cleft is, in symbols, was the spear mark in the side of the Lord Jesus. The cleft in the rock, where it was smitten, and in there, a bunch of bees had come and built a hive. And there was honey in the rock. Amen. What a beautiful thing.

Samson, when he's going down to see his wife, his girlfriend, and a lion run out... Little, old fellow, about that big, seven little curls hanging down, little old, sissy-like, and people couldn't understand how that fellow could be so strong. And a great, big, old lion run out, and said, "Well--well looky here, what's coming." Samson, just a little, old, sissy, standing there. And the lion run out, many times his size. And then, what taken place?

60-0229 THE.ONCOMING.STORM_ PHOENIX.AZ V-15 N-2 MONDAY_

« 128 [†] The storm was on him. He said, "Parson, is it possible for a man like me to be tucked away in that safety, that when death begins to come upon me, that I can enter up to talk to Him like that old saint did?"

I said, "Son, the Blood of Jesus Christ that made her that way can make you that way right now."

I was standing by my automobile. He was a well-dressed boy, cultured, educated. He fell on his knees in the muddy yard and there he found that hiding Place, that Refuge in a time of storm, that Rock in a weary land.

You don't have to be weary as long as you're in the Rock. The Rock is one place that's not weary. The Rock is a satisfying place. You can just set back and look out, just as safe as you can be.

60-0612 SPEAK.TO.THIS.ROCK_ CHAUTAUQUA.OH SUNDAY_

« E-42 ⁺ (Did you give out prayer cards? Huh?) Billy said they give out prayer cards. All right, let's find out. You sick people, you come this afternoon, come doing this: in condition to speak to the Rock. I'm not the Rock; I'm just His outlet. See? Our ministries are just outlets where the... It's a pipe where the water flows through. Don't glorify the pipe; glorify the water that you're getting out of the pipe, for the water comes from the fountain. Glorify the water. Then remember, it couldn't be me that healed. The pipe doesn't give you a drink; the stem that comes through, it doesn't give a drink; it only supplies the water. You drink from that Rock, that smitten Rock, that's already been smote.

Moses smote that rock with the judgment rod of God, and the judgments of God smote the Rock, Christ Jesus. And when Moses smote the rock, there was a cleft in the rock--always there was a cleft in that rock from that time forward. And when Christ was smitten, there was a cleft in the Rock. Out of that rock, they found honey when they were hungry; they found water when they were thirsty, for it was a smitten rock. That same Rock today has water and honey, and abundance of life, joy unspeakable full of glory, Divine healing, powers of God to set a man free from sin. "Speak to the Rock, and "it" will bring forth "His" waters." Amen.

57-1006 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.ON.HEBREWS.3_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY_ « 841 † What do we do? Well, my dear sainted brother, my dear sainted sister, before the foundation of the world, when God created you in His image, or created the--the man in His image, and created the woman in the image of the man for the glory of the man, He made you a theophany just like Hisself, when He said, "let us" to the creatures that He had made, "let us make man in our own image, in our likeness..." a theophany. God had never become flesh yet; He was in a theophany.

And Moses saw Him. Moses cried, "Lord, let me see You."

He said, "Go yonder and hide in the rock, in the cleft. And Moses got back in that cleft; and when God passed by, the lightning and thunders... And as God passed by, He had His back turned like this. And Moses said It was the back of a Man. Hallelujah.

Who was It? The Melchisedec that come down, the King of Salem, with no father and mother, no beginning of days or ending of life. That's Him. And He come down; that's the One that talked to Abraham; that gathered Him up a little body of flesh like that, and [Brother Branham blows--Ed.] breathed into it, stepped into it, and come down and eat a calf, drank milk from a cow, and eat some butter and corn bread. And the two Angels...

And when He walked out there, and all of that stuff just [Brother Branham blows--Ed.] vanished and went away. 61-0723M THE.EVER.PRESENT.WATER.FROM.THE.ROCK_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-14 N-6 SUNDAY_

« 106 [†] What a beautiful type, and a--a beautiful hold and an anchor for the believer today, that knows that that Rock that was once smitten, that Water that once poured forth from Calvary, goes with us wherever we are. Oh, my. It's not go back to a certain place and say, "Well, we did have Water day before yesterday, over there." We got Water today right here, because that Rock was Christ. And Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. See? That Rock followed Israel. They never followed the Rock, but the Rock followed them. Amen. Israel went on their journey. They had but one thing to do, that's keep the straight course, right straight on into the promised land. And the Rock and the water followed them... the Rock following them... I Corinthians tells you so, the 10th chapter. All right. That Rock was Christ.

61-0723M THE.EVER.PRESENT.WATER.FROM.THE.ROCK_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-14 N-6 SUNDAY_

« 108 [†] God took the judgments of the people and placed them upon Christ, and smote Him. Did you notice, there was a cleft in the Rock from then on? The Rock had a cleft in it where Moses smote. And Christ had a cleft when He was smitten, "He was wounded for our transgressions, and with His stripes we were healed." From that Life come forth the Waters of Life that we so enjoy today.

61-0723M THE.EVER.PRESENT.WATER.FROM.THE.ROCK_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-14 N-6 SUNDAY_

« 109 ⁺ Now, in order to obtain this Life... Remember, the Life of Christ stays with the church. Hallelujah. Oh, if we could anchor our thoughts there for the next ten minutes... Christ does not leave the church. "I'll be with you always, even to the end of the world." It's the people that leaves Christ, not Christ leaving the people. The people leave it by their unbelief. They leave Christ, not Christ leaving the people.

Israel left the stream, not the stream leaving Israel. See? For the Bible plainly states that the Rock and the water followed Israel: followed them. Wherever they went, it went too.

62-0518 LETTING.OFF.THE.PRESSURE_ GREEN.LAKE.WI FRIDAY_

« E-75 ⁺ And that's the reason God likened Himself to an eagle. He likes His children to eagles. And because they're the highest soaring bird, they can go higher than any other bird there is. His eye's so keen. It wouldn't do him no good to get up there unless he seen what was going on down here, see far off. He likened His prophet to eagles that can sail up like this, and look way off and see things coming, come back down and tell the people what's fixing to happen: the eagle.

And these old eagle, when he begins to get old, he finds... And he goes way up high into the cleft of the rocks, and he finds a certain rock. He gets up there. He's getting so old he can't hardly walk around. This crust is killing him, over his head.

And he takes his head and he starts beating against that rock, beating it against the rock until he knocks the crust off his head. Oh, it hurts him. You can see him up there flopping around. He will jump back (watching him through glasses), he will knock his head again. What's he trying to do? Knock that crust off. And he will bleed, and the blood will run all over him till he knocks that crust off.

62-0518 LETTING.OFF.THE.PRESSURE_ GREEN.LAKE.WI FRIDAY_

« E-76 [†] And if he can't knock it off, he dies. But if he gets it knocked off, he will start rejoicing and screaming. You can hear him for miles, just screaming. Why? He knows that he's got all the crust off of him. He knows that his youth's going to be renewed because that he got the crust off. That's wonderful. I appreciate that for the eagle.

But brother, I know a Rock. Amen. <u>I know a Rock that the weary sinner can beat his, not his</u> <u>head on there, but beat himself in prayer till all the crust of the world is took off of him, all the</u> <u>unbelief, the shackles are broke loose. And that man can beat himself in prayer there till every</u> <u>sin-shackle is broke away from him.</u>

I know where prostitutes can beat till they become ladies. I know where drunkards and gamblers can beat till they become saints of God, men of God. I know a Rock. That Rock is Christ Jesus, our Refuge. And as soon as you get all the world beat off of you, you renew your youth.

62-0518 LETTING.OFF.THE.PRESSURE_ GREEN.LAKE.WI FRIDAY_

« E-77 [†] You renew what? You know you can start praising God because Eternal Life is sure, 'cause He promised it. Just stay there until all of the world is gone. But as long as some of the crust of the world's still sticking on, you better keep beating, 'cause Eternal Life ain't there yet. When you say, "Well, I believe part of the Word of God is right," now you still got crust there. Yes, sir. When the women still bob their hair and wear shorts, a lot of crust there. Someone bawled me out about that the other day. They said, "Brother Branham, people respect you to be a prophet."

And I said, "I'm no prophet."

He said, "But they say you're that. Why don't you teach the people how to get the--how to get prophet gifts and how to get those things there? Quit telling them women, them men about their creeds, and about women the way they dress."

I said, "If they can't learn their ABC's, how they going to teach them algebra?"

They haven't got the common decency to clean up and act like and be like Christians, how in the world you going to teach them--give them a high school education when they're not out of the kindergarten yet, and don't desire to come out. I don't mean to be angry or--or nasty. But that's the truth. Amen. Whew. I feel religious.

62-0518 LETTING.OFF.THE.PRESSURE_ GREEN.LAKE.WI FRIDAY_

« E-78 [†] Stay there. When the Holy Ghost comes He will make a different creature out of you. When you got all the world beat off of you, and the shackles and all the unbelief beat off, you believe Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever; you believe in the power of God; you believe in the resurrection; you believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost; you believe in all these spiritual gifts and see them working.

Why? You are dead with Him, and buried with Him, and risen with Him. There you are. Then the steam goes off. Oh, brother, the preacher can't preach one word that condemns you (no, sir) because you can say "Amen" to anything he says (See?), because you've got all the old shackles beat off. That's all. You're not trusting a creed; you're trusting in Christ. Yes, sir.

63-0113M LETTING.OFF.PRESSURE_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_

« 149 [†] This old eagle, he gets a crust over his face and head when he gets old. Can hardly eat. He gets poor; his mouth won't open right. Gets almost blinded. And when that crust gets to a certain spot over his head, they say he flies way up in the air, and he sets there, and he beats his head against that rock, knocking that crust off, if he can. And he rolls his eyes and looks back. He beats the crust. Oh, it must come off. It's got to come off. If it don't, he's going to die. He's got to get that crust off of his face and his mouth. And he'd beat his head one way, and then the other way. He beats until he beats that crust off. And when he beats it against that rock until the crust comes off, then he screams, and he throws his wings back and forth, and rejoices because he knows he's going to get new feathers; he's going to eat his vitamins again; he's going to renew his youth. And I thought, "What a wonderful thing that is for the eagle. That's good."

63-0113M LETTING.OFF.PRESSURE_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_

« 150 † But I know a Rock that a man can come to, and can beat, and be beat, until all the doubt is gone, until the worry and cares of the world is gone. And when he's beat the crust of sin from around him, until the Blood has sanctified his soul, then Eternal Life is sure to come. He can just set back and let off the pressure, because Eternal Life is sure.
151 Oh, eagles, today, that's why you're here. You're eaglets. But if the crust has begin to blind your eyes, the cares of the world, or you can't just swallow all the Food of God, let's come to that Rock in a weary land. Let's come There and beat upon the altar until the crust is broke, and our eyes can see clearly, Jesus again, and the cares of this world has passed away. Then the pressure will go off. "He's a Rock in a weary land, a Shelter in a time of storm," a Refuge, a Haven of rest, for the weary. Let's come to that Place.