

Life-Study of Ezekiel Summary – Messages 6 to 10

Eagle's Wings, Man's Hands, and Calf's Hoofs

Ezek. 1:6-8 – Every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. And their feet were straight feet, and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot... And the hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides...

The wings, the hands, and the hoofs are related to the actions and moves of the living creatures. In the Bible **the wings of an eagle signify the strength of God applied to us**. In the New Testament the eagle's wings are the grace, the power, and the strength of God in Christ applied to us. The grace, power, and strength of the Lord are both for moving and for covering us. We have the four wings of an eagle, giving others the impression that we have **God with us as our power and protection**. The hands of a man indicates that a proper, normal Christ should always do things exactly like a man. **No matter how much the grace of God is with us and no matter how much the Lord is empowering us, we must nevertheless fulfill our human duty in our daily living**. We all should walk like a calf, having **straight** hoofs. If we walk in a crooked way, we should not expect the church to be built up.

The Coordination of the Four Living Creatures

Ezek. 1:11 – And thus their face were. And their wings were spread out upward; two *wings* of each were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

In Ezek. 1:11 we see that two of their wings are for moving, and this **moving is in coordination**. The wings being joined also indicates that the coordination of the living creatures is in the divine power, strength, and supply. **In themselves the living creatures are separate and are individuals, but with the eagle's wings they are coordinated as one body**. We must be coordinated as living creatures in order that Christ may be expressed and manifested.

Ezek. 1:12 – And each went straight forward; wherever the Spirit was to go, they went; they did not turn as they went.

In verse 12 we see that every one of the living creatures goes straight forward. They do not turn, but some return, that is, move backward. **In the church life we all need to learn not only how to walk straight forward but also how to walk backward and to walk sideways** and if you are the one who is walking straight forward, you must be very careful to walk according to **the leading of the Spirit**. The result of the coordination of the living creatures is that they become burning coals. In the coordination we burn one another.

Coordination is necessary for God's expression, for God's move, and for God's administration. The prerequisites of coordination include the matters of the wind, the cloud, the fire, and the electrum. We must allow the Lord to continue His work on us and experience the dealing of the cross.

The High and Dreadful Wheels, and a Sky Clear as the Terrible Crystal

A wheel is for moving in a special way. The wheel in Ezekiel 1 implies a move with a purpose, and is not by our own strength. We Christians should be a moving people. The church must move in order to see. This wheel looks like a wheel within a wheel. **If the church is proper and is moving, then within the church's moving there will be the move of the Lord**.

After we experience all the things in the first 21 verses, **the sky over our heads will be crystal clear**. This means that above us is an open, clear heaven. When we as living creatures reach this point, **there will be nothing between us and God and nothing between us and one another**. Under such a sky, we can have the adequate and proper coordination. (Life-Study of Ezekiel – Messages 6 to 10)