

Waddle or Fly?

Isaiah 40:31 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.

I'll paraphrase Soren Kierkagaard's story: There once was a world that was run by ducks. The ducks would get up on Sunday morning, brush themselves off, and waddle down to Duck-Church, where they would waddle down the aisle of the church, and squat in their duck-pew.

Then the duck preacher would take his place in the duck pulpit, and preach, "God has given us ducks a very precious gift! That gift of God to all ducks is called wings!"

All the ducks quaked, "Amen! God has given us wings!"

Then the duck preacher said, "And God gave us wings so that we can mount up like eagles and fly!"

And all the ducks in their duck pews quaked, "Amen! We can mount up like eagles and fly!"

To which the duck preacher yelled, "We can escape the confines of normal everyday life, and fly out of our pens, across the world, and take this good news to every single duck in the world!"

To which the duck-church parishioners quaked, "We can! We can! We can fly and enjoy life to the fullest!"

Then the duck worship leader got up and joined the preacher, and led the duck congregation in a closing song about flying with the wings that God gave them. The preacher gave a closing prayer.

And then every duck waddled home.

This story hit me right between the eyes because the Bible warns that you can become spiritually impotent and immunized against the power of God by embracing traditions of men (Colossians 2:8, Mark 7:13) and unbelief(Matthew 13:58) over Christ.

For the believer, our wings are Christ himself, and we find out how to use those wings by trusting and obeying God and His Word.