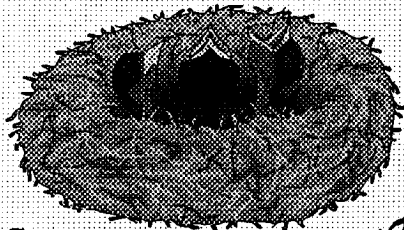
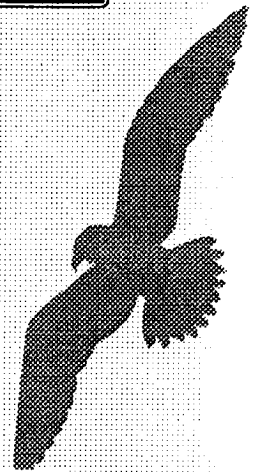


*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles."
Isaiah 40:31*



AERY NUGGETS

**"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the Word was God."
John 1:1**

Ere God had built the mountains,
Or raised the fruitful hills;
Before He fill'd the fountains
That feed the running rills;
In Thee, from everlasting,
The wonderful I AM
Found pleased never wasting,
And Wisdom is Thy name.

When like a tent to dwell in,
He spread the skies abroad,
And swathed about the swelling
Of ocean's mighty flood,
He wrought by weight and measure;
And Thou wast with Him then:
Thyself the Father's pleasure,
And Thine, the sons of men.

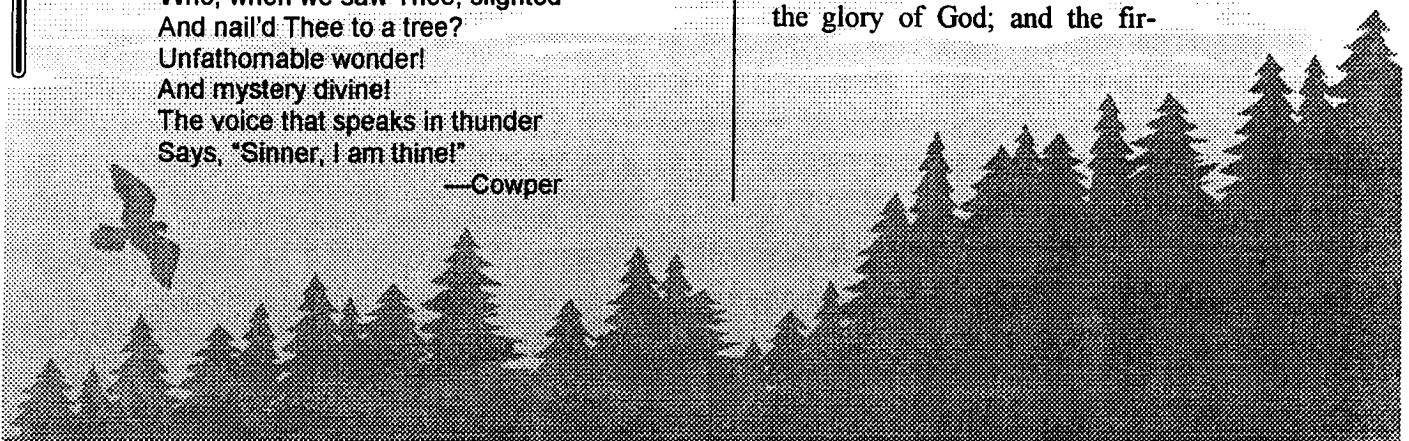
And couldst Thou be delighted
With creatures such as we,
Who, when we saw Thee, slighted
And nail'd Thee to a tree?
Unfathomable wonder!
And mystery divine!
The voice that speaks in thunder
Says, "Sinner, I am thine!"

—Cowper

Dear Powerless,

Recently, the electrical power to our home was interrupted. Though the interval was not of long duration, it did give time for some serious consideration. No lights, cooling, cooking, cordless phone use, nor getting the car out of the garage because of an inoperable electric door opener. During this powerless time, my thoughts turned to how dependent we are on a power source outside of ourselves. The generating source was still there, but somewhere along the supply line a break had occurred and had to be repaired. Once this was accomplished, we could go on in an unimpeded way.

Daily, we see the use of power displayed in electricity, car engines, volume of amplifiers, and also in the use of official authority to accomplish various ends. Did you ever look at a tree and consider it as a response to a display of power? Certainly not man's power, but the power of God. Where God is concerned, all it took was the expression of a thought..."God said...and it was so" (Gen. 1:11). Creation is a great marvel to man, and who can duplicate such an act of power. Day by day, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the fir-



mament showeth his handiwork." (Ps.19:1,2). At ground level we are often privileged to witness displays of His power when:

"The voice of the Lord divideth flames of fire"
[forked lightning] Ps.29:7

"The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness" [roar of thunder] Ps.29:8

In the case of the fleeing Prophet Jonah, his course was arrested when, "The Lord sent out a great wind into the sea" (Jonah 1:4).

Two thousand years ago, with the wind howling and the waves filling the disciples ship, in response to their plea for help, Jesus, "Arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm" (Mark 4:48). In the observers' eyes, what authority!

Several years ago, on a Lord's Day Morning, with most everyone assembled for Sunday School, a large spreading tree in the yard in front of the building, with little provocation to cause it, fell with such precision so as to miss the power line entering the building and to have only a branch or two brush one of the cars with minimal damage. Truly, as used to be proclaimed, "An act of God".

While we have been enumerating some of the displays of God's power, which are all too often characterized as natural occurrences, a couplet has been running through my mind

"T'was great to speak the world from naught;
T'was greater to redeem!"

That we all need to be redeemed from our sinful nature and its deeds is established by the proclamation, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). But how? for the puzzling question, "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul" (Matt. 16:22) intimates that *we* have no medium of exchange to alter our situation; in fact our natural condition is, "Without hope, and without God in the world." (Eph. 2:12).

Hopeless? Yes, in ourselves, "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us" (Eph. 2:4) made a way, and that way was in and through the One Who could say, "I am the way" (John 14:5)...Jesus. "For God sent his not son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:17).

While we might not connect a display of power with our salvation, not only was God having to contend with the power of Satan, but also our willful and sinful nature in bringing us to Himself willingly. The Lord was not selective in whom He chose to redeem, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God,, even to them that believe on his name" (John

1:12). To scoffers viewing God's Son on the cross, it is the epitome of failure and weakness, thus, "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God" (1Cor. 1:18).

Jesus...to suffer this ignominious death, "Was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). So we have our responsibility through our offenses in making it necessary for Him to die, that we might be redeemed. How wonderful if you have, through the power or the word of the cross, believed on the wonderful Saviour; but that is not the end of God displaying His power. For we are those "Who are kept [guarded] by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1Peter 1:5).

One final majestic act of power to complete our redemption will take place when, "God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power" (1Cor. 6:14). Each day we can say, "Now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Rom. 13:11).

Will I see you there?

Leslie L. Winters

The perfect righteousness of God
Is witnessed in the Saviour's blood;
'Tis in the cross of Christ we trace
His righteousness, yet wondrous grace.

God could not pass the sinner by,
His sin demands that he must die;
But in the cross of Christ we see
How God can save, yet righteous be.

The sin alights on Jesu's head,
'T'is in His blood sin's debt is paid;
Stern Justice can demand no more,
And Mercy can dispense her store.

The sinner who believes is free,
Can say, "The Saviour died for me;"
Can point to the atoning blood,
And say, "This made my peace with God.

—Albert Midlane

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