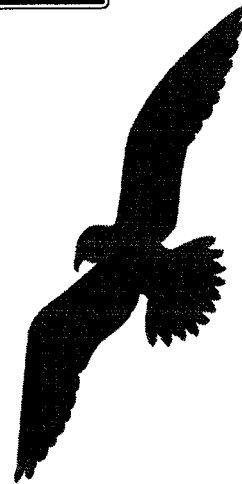


*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles."*

Isaiah 40:31



AERY NUGGETS

Dear Racing Fans,

Watching some of the runners in the recent Olympics prepare for the race at hand brought several scriptures to mind, which we might apply to all those who are walking by faith, with a desire to please their Lord and Saviour.

Coming to the starting line, each contestant was attired in only the most necessary apparel, like the Christian runner, who is to, "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the gospel of peace" (Eph. 6:14).

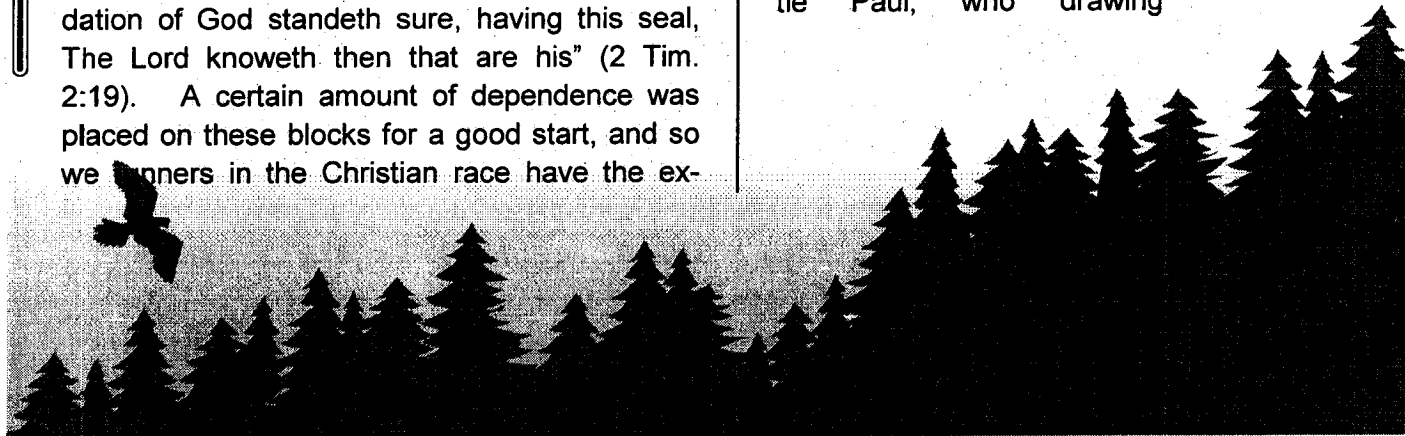
With his/her feet firmly planted against their starting blocks, the runners were ready to take off —so we too need to have our starting point from something solid, and we do, for "The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth then that are his" (2 Tim. 2:19). A certain amount of dependence was placed on these blocks for a good start, and so we runners in the Christian race have the ex-

hortation, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13).

BANG !!! and the race is on, with each contestant striving to out perform the others. How sad to see anyone have to "fall by the way-side" as Joseph's brothers were warned against.

The goal is in sight, and while many of the contestants are more or less in a pack, one is in the lead, and to him or her belongs the glory. "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain" (1 Cor. 9:24).

Following the climax of the race, little attention is paid to the runners up —not so for the Christian race, for we read, "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Yes, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. . . So every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:4 & 12). I like the words of the faithful runner - the apostle Paul, who drawing





near to the end of his race could say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Tim. 4:7 & 8).

Now that the race is run, and the prize awarded, let's take a breather and consider another activity —**Standing** ! Fleeing from before the army of Egypt, the children of Israel found the shore of the Red Sea blocking their pathway. Naturally they looked for a way out, but the calming voice of Moses was heard saying, "Fear ye not, Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew you today. . . The Lord shall fight for you; and ye shall hold your peace" (Ex. 14:13 & 14). Don't we find it so hard to stand still and allow the Lord to work out our problems for us?

Standing can show purpose of heart as we see in the case of Daniel, and his objection to the diet the king desired him to enjoy, of which we read, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat" (Dan. 1:8).

In another instance, standing in the presence of some deed being committed can show assent to what is taking place, as we have in Ps. 1:1, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." Before conversion the apostle Paul was found in such a position, for he writes, "And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death" (Acts 22:20).

In the Lord we have such a fruitful example of humility, obedience to the Father's will and compassion so we do well to give heed to the entreaty to, "Stand fast in the Lord" (Phil. 4:1). Let us set along side, this declaration, "Notwithstanding the Lord

stood with me, and strengthened me" (2 Tim. 4:17). How good to have the encouragement of His presence, and to have the assurance that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

*"Rejoice in Him," again, again,
The Spirit speaks the word,
And faith takes up the happy strain
Our joy is in the Lord.*

*"Stand fast in Christ"; ah! Yet again
He teaches all the band;
If human efforts are in vain,
In Christ it is we stand.*

—Mary Bowley

Yours by His marvelous grace

Leslie L. Winters

If I am a saved soul walking around the wilderness, that heavenly man on the throne of God is with me, His eye is watching me. If I am out of my place He sees it in an instant. When one thinks of Christ looking at us down here to see if we are in our proper place, the heart goes forth at once in praise to God, saying, "It is His work from first to last." He brought us out of death into life, translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son, because He wanted us there. If God takes me up to glory, I shall say, All is of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

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