THE EAGLE

 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: **12** *So* the Lord alone did lead him, and *there was* no strange god with him. Deut 32:11-12 (KJV)

 Have you ever wondered why God does things the way he does them? You may have wondered why He does things when he does them. I have. I know that his timing is perfect. My dad had told me about seeing eagles at Guntersville but I had only seen them very high in the sky. Earl, my brother in law, had seen several in Guntersville and around Walnut Grove yet I had seen none. When we went to Alaska I had seen a few but I needed binoculars to see them. This past Monday I was driving toward Cullman from Holly Pond and I saw an eagle near the Jet Pep offices. It was flying down near the ditch on the side of the road. I assume it was after a little critter of some sort but it was beautiful with its white head and white tail. It seemed to turn straight up into the sky and then loop around to make another attempt at its prey. You may not believe what I’m about to tell you but it is the truth with my hand up. On Tuesday I was going over to visit with Brother Ralph Stephens. (This is God’s timing) on the way I forgot where I was going and realized when I got to the church that I had forgotten to turn on Black Road. So I turned around and went back. When I got to the bridge at the Cullman/Blount County line I saw what I thought was a hawk trying to pick up something dead on the bridge. As I got closer the bird ascended up from the bridge and I saw the head and tail were white. I could not believe that I was seeing another eagle! As I crossed the bridge I saw a second eagle soaring over the river. Turning onto Black Road I just stopped the car and got my phone out to take some pictures. One of the eagles seem to put on a show for there were two other people stopped one on either side of the bridge to view the majestic creatures as they soared and called to each other.

 This was a time when I needed to see some of God’s majesty and beauty. He let me know that he had saved this for me. I earlier thought that I was pretty dumb for not remembering my turn but then I realized that God was planning a special encounter, a time when I would see something that he had planned for me. Though there were others observing from the sides of the road, I felt that this was specifically for me.

 The very appearance of the eagle was enough to stop traffic and make people stop what they were doing and observe. Our text does the same thing. When God says that he took interest in Jacob and cared for Israel like the eagle does for its young then we must stop and pay attention to how he loves and cares for us.

Yours in Christ,

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