

The Unreasonable Mother

I GOD STIRRETH UP

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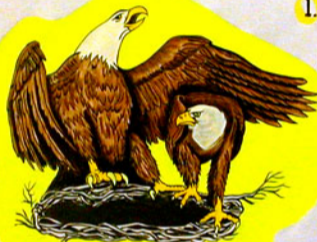
2. Christians In Jerusalem.

Acts 8:14.

3. Apostle Paul.

4. The Puritans.

5. Maybe America.



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III. WE NEED STIRRING.

1. Different Means.

A. Preachers. 2 Pet. 1:13.

2 Tim. 4:1-2.

B. Chastening. Heb. 12:11, 5-7;
Job 5:17; Rev. 3:19.

C. Persecution. Acts 8:4.

2. For Our Good.

A. Wakes us up.

B. Makes angry.

C. We need it.

II. WE GET TO COMFORTABLE.

1. Don't Want to Move.

2. No Time To Work. 1 Cor. 15:58.

THE UNREASONABLE MOTHER

Deut. 32:11

INTRO: Sometimes mothers may appear very unreasonable on the surface, but when a real investigation is made, she may prove to be most reasonable after all.

The Mother Eagle must appear very unreasonable. When it is time for the young eaglets to fly, the mother stirs up the nest. It may seem harsh and unreasonable for the mother to tear to pieces a home that has been so comfortable. The young birds have been there for some time; they have been living in quiet comfort and security. How could a mother so treat her children? She tears up the home, and then she flutters over the eaglets until they are forced to try to fly. She carries them high into the air and then shakes them off forcing them to use their wings. Then she swoops under them and catches them on her back and lifts them to safety.

In the song of Moses, we can see how God treated His children. Israel is likened unto a man found in the wilderness. Jehovah cared for this people, provided for them, and gave them protection. They were as the "Apple of His Eye." Vs. 10.

But we see here that God began to push His people to greater things. They may not have understood, they may have thought God was unreasonable, but it all worked for Israel's good.

I. GOD, LIKE AN EAGLE, STIRRETH UP.

A. Israel in Egypt.

When God was ready for His people to move to greater things, the Egyptians were stirred up against them. Their lives were made bitter with bondage. They suffered, but God providentially worked things to bring them into the land of Egypt. They may have felt God was unreasonable, or had forsaken them, but sometimes we do not understand.

B. Christians in Jerusalem.

At the beginning of the church in Jerusalem (33 A.D.) most of the followers of Christ collected in the city. They were very happy and really prospered. The Church grew very fast. Love and fellowship was so wonderful, no doubt they planned to spend their lives right there. God had other plans. The greatest joy and happiness, as they found, was being used to save others. God used persecution to stir them. At the death of Stephen, the persecution was so great they were scattered everywhere to save others. Acts 8:1-4.

C. Paul the Apostle.

He was educated and better qualified than others to preach to kings and emperors. Driven away from his countrymen by persecution, he preached to Caesar. There was no resting place. Persecution followed, not peace and safety, but at every new abode there was a stirring up.

D. The Puritans.

After bloody persecution by Queen Mary, in 1558 Queen Elizabeth of England came to the throne. This was a joy to Protestants, many of whom were Puritans. They accepted protection to live in peace, but she took violent measures to enforce uniformity in church discipline and service. A storm of persecution came. They fled to Holland and finally to America for freedom of worship and to return then back to God.

E. God May Stir America.

II. WE GET TOO COMFORTABLE.

A. We Do Not Want to Move.

We are too busy getting settled for life. We have too many plans for our own security, which makes us greedy and selfish. We are then satisfied. Millions are lost, hungry, starving, yet we will not send.

B. No Time to Work for the Lord.

We are too busy working for ourselves. Note 1 Cor. 15:58. God may stir us with persecution. Our possessions will mean nothing. Christ is the answer to our problem. Job 1:21; 1 Tim. 6:7.

III. WE NEED STIRRING UP.

A. God Uses Different Means to Stir Us.

1. Preachers. 2 Pet. 1:13; 2 Tim. 4:1-2; Gal. 4:16.
2. Chastening. Heb. 12:11, 5-7; Job 5:17; Rev. 3:19.
3. Persecution. Acts 8:4.

B. Stirring Is for Our Own Good. Micah 2:10.

1. It wakes us up. Many times we need to wake up. We may need some changes. We must not always do things same old way.
2. It may make us angry to be aroused. We may want to reject or fight back; we may murmur or complain.
3. But, friend, did you ever stop to think you may be wrong. You may be in danger of losing your soul. You may have been taught error. Your ideas or plans may be wrong. Your ideas of mission work may need to change. God may stir you and me up; He may be trying to change us for the better.

CONCL: God stirs us up for our own good. We need stirring. When stirred, we need to examine ourselves and change for the better.