

Wednesday 22nd June 2022

[Psalm 55](#) Verse 6

Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest. (v. 6)

Do you sometimes wish you could fly like the birds? Just imagine having the freedom to fly high above the tree looking down at the world beneath you. I can only imagine the peace and quiet just soaring around on a gentle breeze. Heaven indeed. The closest we can get would be in a hot air balloon, or a hang glider, but that is not for me.

In the psalm we see that David was in fear of his life, with enemies chasing him down. All because of someone else's betrayal. In his terror he prayed, "But I call to God," he declared, "and the LORD will save me" (v. 16). He knew he needed God as he could not just fly away from the danger. He also knew that God would take care of him: "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you" (v. 22). What a lesson for us, we learn that if we are in a situation that is fearful, we cannot just like the birds fly away from danger. Instead we must call on our Lord and God, knowing that he will hear your plea, and will come to be near you taking you in his arms. That is when we can be like the birds and believe we are flying in God's arms in his love and under his protection. We can feel the peace returning to our lives and the terror leaving us. We can be reprieved like David and come together with God and not have to fly away, but give thanks to God for his love and protection. The birds of the fields know that they have all they need and we can be in awe of them having full trust that they have God as their creator and protector. As the psalmist says, "I will trust in you" (v. 23),

Heavenly Father come near to us in your love help us to be like the birds and have full trust in you. Amen.