

Show Him No Mercy
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The more I've learned about eagles, the more amazing I find them to be. They mate for life, they build nests that will last a lifetime, and they ride the storm instead of hiding from the storm. The eagle teaches its young to fly on their own. The parent pushes the baby bird out of the nest and the eaglet tumbles helplessly through the air, plummeting to earth and certain death. But then, just in time, the parent-eagle swoops under its young, catches the bird on its own strong, spreading wings, and bears it aloft again on sturdy pinions to try once more to fly.

There's really only one enemy that is a serious danger to eagles. Snakes. A snake will attempt to climb wherever the eagle nest is and attack the little eaglets. But pity the poor snake that gets caught by Mama or Papa Eagle. They will show the serpent no mercy! They may rip it to shreds or pick it up with their beak and violently shake it to death. They also might pick it up in their talons, fly high and drop the snake to its death on the rocks below. Bottom line: they are not about to let the serpent have what it came for. The eagle shows the serpent no mercy and makes that serpent sorry he ever attacked.

It's no wonder the Bible encourages us to take note of "the way of an eagle". Like that eagle, we have a serpent that's trying to strike out at us. The devil's first appearance to humans came in the form of a snake in the first book of the Bible. In the last book of the Bible, God still calls him "that ancient serpent called the devil".

You may or not believe in the devil, but either way he's actively trying to ruin your life. In fact, he likes it better when you don't believe in him. You won't fight an enemy you don't believe is there. Much of the hurt, heartache; and shame in our life is because we've given into Satan's subtle promptings and to his sinful opportunities.

If we belong to Jesus Christ, we belong to the One the Bible says came "to destroy the devil's work". We are told to "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." May we claim that victory Christ has given us over Satan.

Like the eagle with the snake, let us show Satan no mercy when he comes slithering towards us. Also, like the eagle, let us make that old serpent sorry that he ever got close to our nest! No compromise. No giving in. No accommodation.