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Isaiah 40:31

Waiting Well





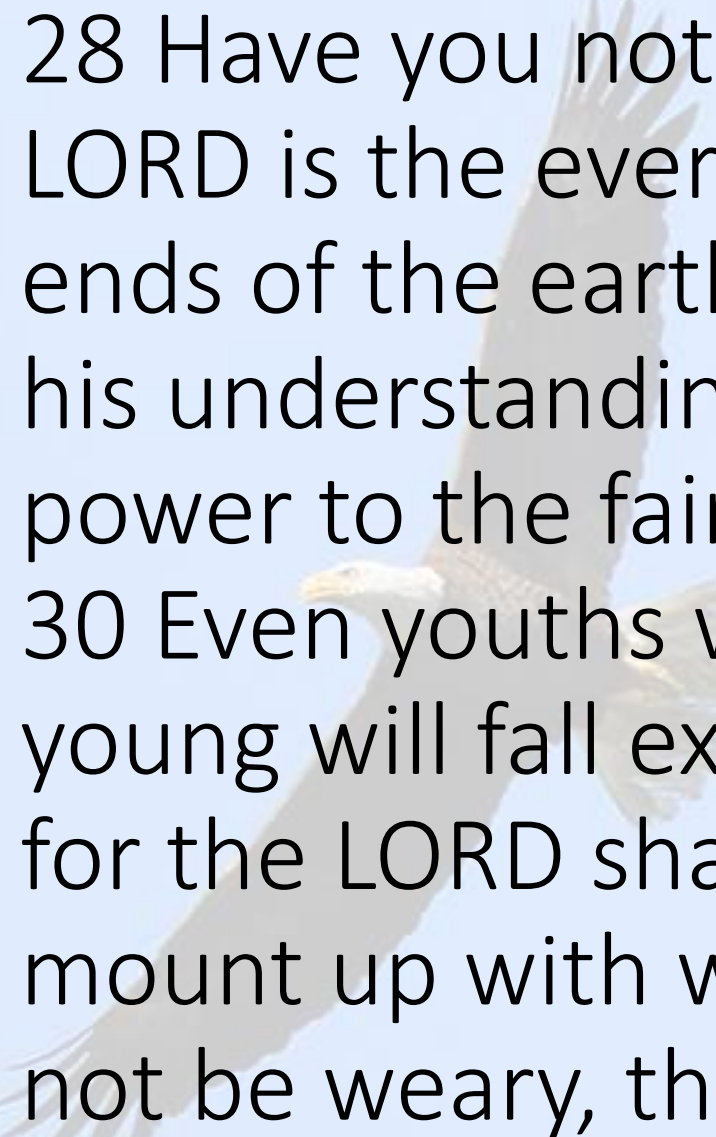






Isaiah 40:28-31

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. 30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

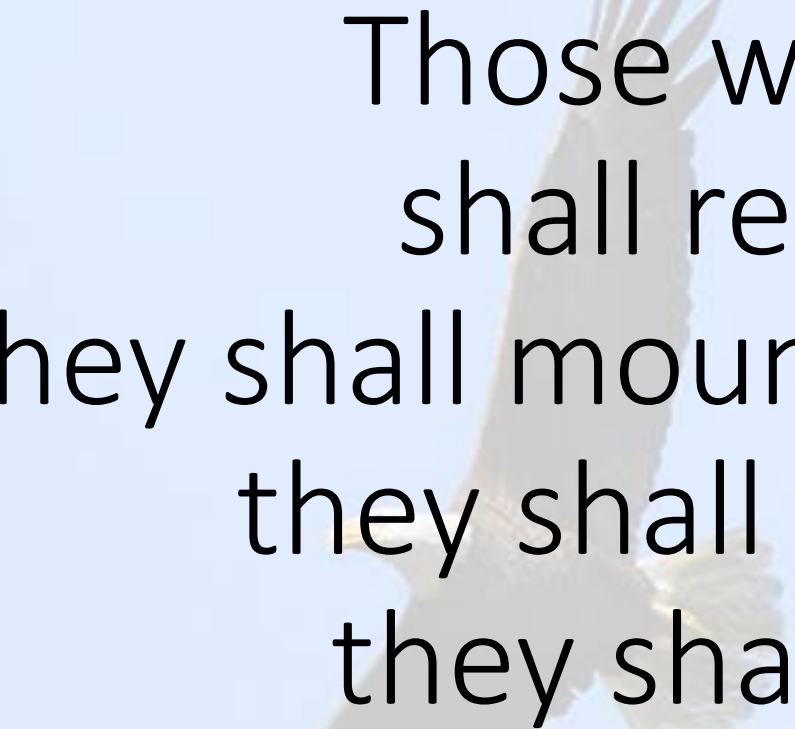












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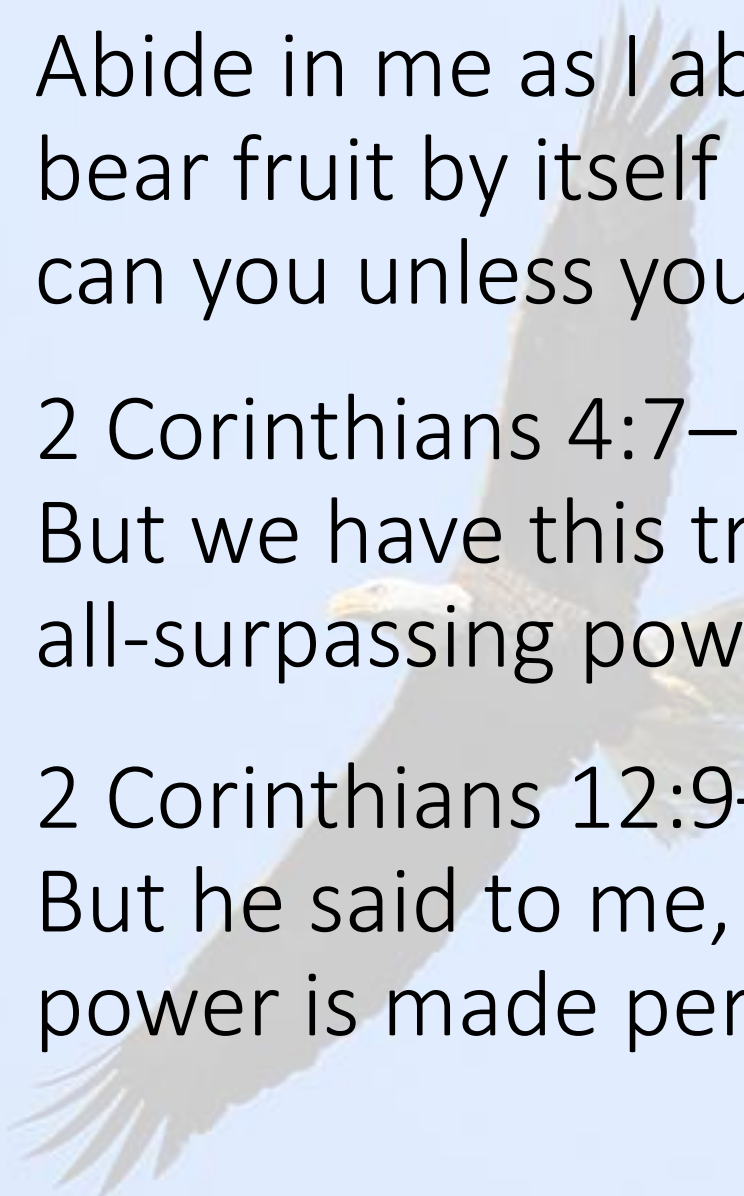
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Functional atheism confuses

- Deliverance with the Lord
- The work of God with the Person of God
- Religious activity with prayerfulness
- Benefits and blessings with obedience and faithfulness
- Answers from God with a relationship with God

Renew = exchange

- The Lord is strong and powerful
- We are not strong and powerful
- The Lord does not faint or grow weary
- We do faint and grow weary
- The LORD gives power to the faint and strength to the powerless



John 15:1–17

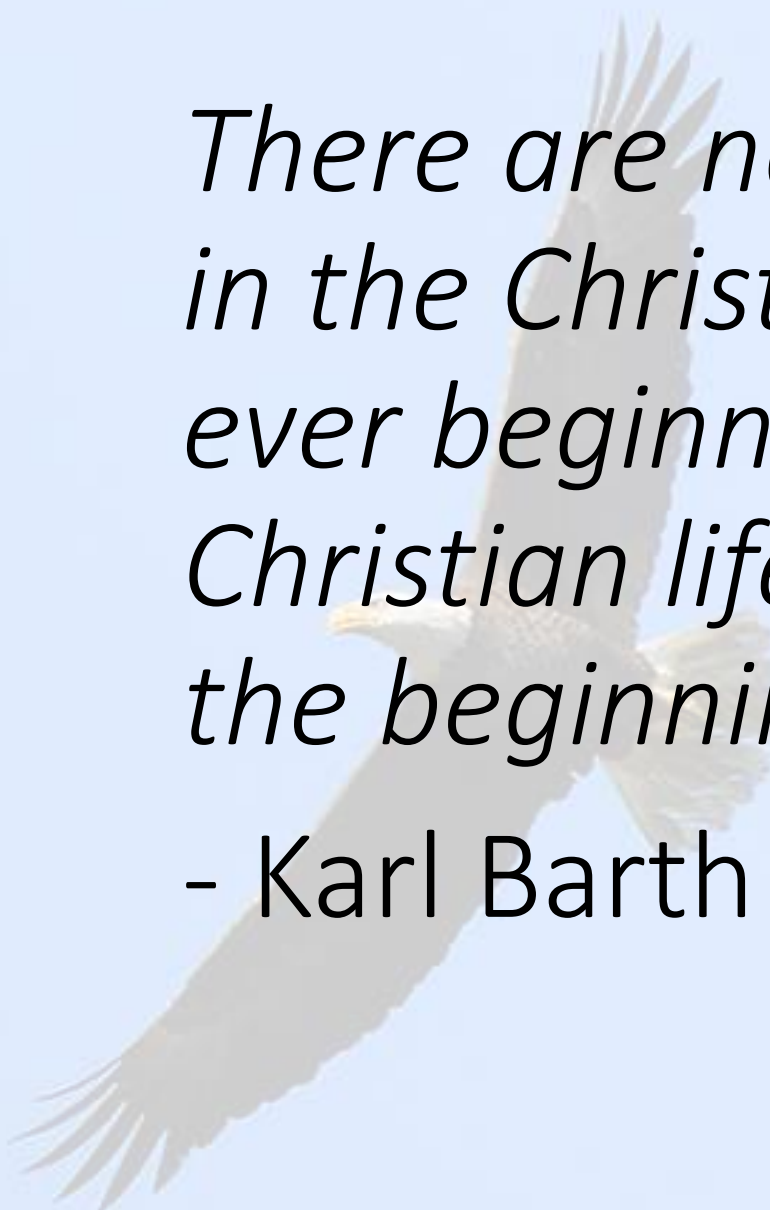
Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

2 Corinthians 4:7–11

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

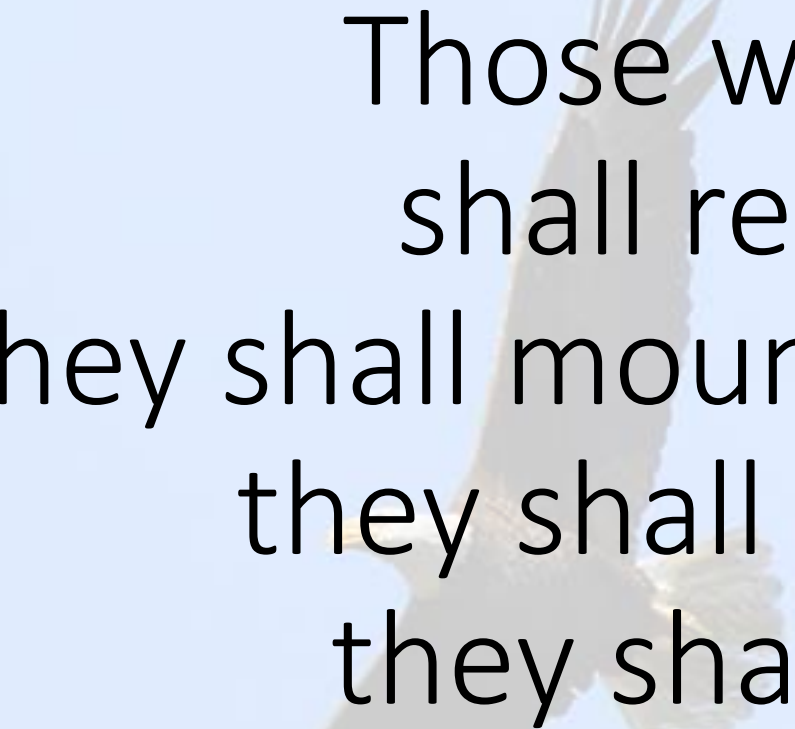
2 Corinthians 12:9–10

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”



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