

76. Soaring on Thermals

The pelican is a mighty bird, second only to the albatross in size. Albatross wings span 3.5 metres and pelican's 2.5. It has a fairy tale shape with its peculiar beak and stately way of walking along coasts. Pelicans can hold up to 11 litres of water in their beaks, which they quickly spill to strand the fish meal within. They have special breast muscles and extra feathers to enable them to glide and soar, God gives them an extremely light skeleton, weighing less than 10% of their total body weight. Pelicans are weird in the way they stand on their eggs to keep them warm.

When flying low over the sea it gets a special uplift from small air currents such that its big body glides along assisted, the albatross can soar along the waves at night and sleep on wing, one hemisphere of the brain asleep and one alert to danger.

When working the daily grind of schooling it's worth recalling that God's eye is on the sparrow, the pelican and you. When tired, unwell or watching the clock tick its too slow path through your day, briefly close your eyes and ask God for the updraft you need. He enables His to walk on the waters, and to do amazing things when depleted. Don't try doing your job asleep though. You are not an albatross! But do get in touch with your Father who promises to lift and sustain the weary. Like the pelican, you can soar through your day and not have to flap about on your own. Your reward awaits you in glory, Rev 2:3



[Australian Pelican](#) *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" Jesus said. Matthew 11:28

*For only a penny you can buy two sparrows, yet not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Father's consent. **Matthew 10:29 GNB***

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up **Galatians 6:9***

*Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. **Hebrew 12:3***

*ou have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. **Revelation 2:3***

*My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. **Psalms 119:28***

*God gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. **Isaiah 40:29***

*..... those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. **Isaiah 40:31***

*The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. **Isaiah 50:4***

*I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint. **Jeremiah 31:25***

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