



## Keep Flying Higher

Our natural tendency is to fight back. I love movies in which the bad guy gets what's coming to him, and justice prevails. I also like for this cosmic conflict to be resolved in less than two hours.

But life isn't always so neatly packaged. Sometimes, we have to tolerate temporary setback while the wheels of justice turn. Sometimes, the wheels just don't turn fast enough.

Naturalist John Burroughs, says that when a hawk is attacked by crows, he does not make a counter-attack, but soars higher and higher in ever increasing circles until his tormentors leave him alone.

I think we can learn from the hawks!

Jesus even advises us to bless those who curse us, and do good to those who mistreat us. Sooner or later, we'll soar out of their reach. And Christ assures us the day will come when everything will be set right. Until then, keep flying higher.

This is Stephen Chitty, pastor of Christian Life. Remember, *Life Matters*, and so do you.

### Psalm 27:1-6

The Lord is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid?

When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

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