



A NEW THING

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Every era is met with its share of new things, but newness and the constant flow of new things almost defines our era today.

The computer in your cell phone today is a million times cheaper, a thousand times more powerful, and a hundred thousand times smaller than one computer at mitt in 1965.

■ **Ray Kurzweil**

The world is changing fast. New things overwhelm us and the change will only get faster and faster.

Today's Achievements Are Tomorrow's Memories!

Give no thought to the things which are past; let the early times go out of your minds.

See, I am doing a new thing; now it is starting; will you not take note of it? I will even make a way in the waste land, and rivers in the dry country.

Isaiah 43; 18-19

What God did 10 or 20 years ago was wonderful, but it was a "new thing" then and God required us to seize the moment by taking a step of faith. And what God does today will require a step of faith in order to seize it. That's why we need to keep our soul as a new, flexible wineskin!

GOD DESIRES A NEW THING

- **A New Song**

Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

Psalm 33:3

- **A New Covenant**

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

Jeremiah 31:31

- **A New Heart**

And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh:

Ezekiel 11:19

- **A New Message**

Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. “What sort of new teaching is this?” they asked excitedly. “It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!”

Mark 1:27

- **A New Life**

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

- **A New Heaven and Earth**

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness.

2 Peter 3:13

- **All Things New**

And the one sitting on the throne said, “look, I am making all things new!” and then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.”

Revelation 21:5

Are We Ready?

I am the Lord, that is my name; and my glory I will not give to another, nor my praise to carved images.

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Isaiah 42:9

NO TURNING BACK

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be.

No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.

I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which god, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven.

Philippians 3:12-14 (NLT)

Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history.

Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (Message)

Never allow the pursuit of a “new thing” deny you the pleasure of knowing from where God brought you and to where He’s taking you!

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

Psalm 37:25-26

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto Thy Name, o Most High:

To show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

Psalm 92:1-2

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abided.

Psalm 119:90

Closing Thought for 2015:

I will praise you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

I will bless you every day, and I will praise you forever.

Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! His greatness is beyond discovery!

Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts.

I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendour and your wonderful miracles.

Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness.

Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness; they will sing with joy of your righteousness.

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to get angry, full of unfailing love.

The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.

All of your works will thank you, Lord, and your faithful followers will bless you.

They will talk together about the glory of your kingdom; they will celebrate examples of your power.

They will tell about your mighty deeds and about the majesty and glory of your reign.

For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule generation after generation. The Lord is faithful in all he says; he is gracious in all he does.

Psalm 145:1-13 (NLT)