

How New - is Your New Year?

Isaiah 42: 5-10

“Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof”

* The Prophet Isaiah speaks of the Presence and Power of the Lord

* But long before this particular passage we find in Isaiah 6 :1 “The year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on the throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple”

During that incredible calling that came forth in Isaiah’s life – Isaiah stepped into the Presence of the Lord!

It was during a Year unlike any other Year

* A year of change in Government – The King had died

* A year of change in the Law – When Kings died so does policies

* A year of Restoration – It was in that year that Isaiah received His commission – His calling to step into the office of the Prophet!

* A year of Commitment – Isaiah 6: 8 “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for US?” Then I said, “Here am I! SEND ME”

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2010

- * A New Year!
- * The number nine meaning – Completeness, Finality, Fullness
- * The number ten meaning – Law, Government, Restoration

A year of the Prophets Word

- * The Prophetic Call sets Gods Law – Gods Government – Gods Restoration forth!
- * Not a Doom and Gloom Prophets Word / no no, I am talking about a Mark 1: 27 Word of God restored to the World!

Mark 1:27

“And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him”

- * The very Presence of Jesus sets forth the people to wonderment!
- * The Wow Factor sets in – The Power and Authority sets in!
- * The Commanding Force and Manifestation of Gods Word Spoken sets even the unclean spirits to stand in exposure and removal!
- * They simply obey only the Word of God – The Spoken Taught Word of God!

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How New - is Your New Year?**Psalms 31:1- 3 (KJV)**

“In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

3 For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me”

*** Confidence in God**

*** Prayer in trouble**

*** Praise for God's goodness**

This is what we find in Psalm 31

*** O Lord in thee, I put my trust – Therefore for thy name’s sake lead me, and guide me!**

Psalms 31: 15 (KJV)

“15 My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me”

Those of us who love the Lord have come to understand that our

“Times are in the hands of the Lord”

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Time (of an event) - Time (usual) – Experiences – Fortunes – Occurrence – Occasions – Always – Eventide {Gr:br[- meaning - evening, night, sunset}

Note

Even from Eventide in the Gr: !yb [Bane] meaning - between, among, in the midst - betwixt, asunder, within, between, out of, from]

So every time, event, the usual, the experiences, fortunes, occurrences, occasions, the always, the eventides are yours! The old year has just passed the New Year has just begun!

Simply – My times my “Seasons” are in the hands of the Lord”

New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and the 1st few weeks following is one of the few times in the year when just about everybody is thinking about the same thing

*** There's something dramatic about watching the old year slip away by counting the hours left in it, then the minutes, down the seconds when the old year has passed into history, never to come again.**

We seldom think much about time except when we're running late

*** Time is a lot like a river and it's carrying all of us downstream.**

*** Where is it taking us?**

*** What are we doing while we're on the trip?**

*** A lot of people have trouble with time management, with putting first things first.**

If there is anything we truly need in this New Year, it is to get closer to God, to grow in the love of our Savior, and to carry out His will for our lives. That will carry us through no matter what the river of time may bring our way. [PT]

Psalm 31 is almost entirely a prayer, but you can tell that it's not the kind of prayer that one prays out loud or one that is prayed with folded hands.

*** No, it appears to be the kind of prayer Paul had in mind when he told us to PRAY CONSTANTLY.**

*** It's the kind of prayer that you pray while working or driving or when you're under a lot of stress, as David was here.**

Prayer and good Christian self-talk go a long way to having that Happy New Year that we have been wishing each other

*** Let me define my terms here: *Christian self-talk is the fine art of handling the stress that comes your way by reacting to it in a Christian manner.***

*** David joins prayer and good self-talk when he tells God of his circumstances and lays it upon the Lord for help.**

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

“Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.
 19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert”

* The Lord promises to be with His people as they pass through all the deep waters and fiery trials of life.

Isaiah 43:1-2 (KJV)

“But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee”

* This promise was literally fulfilled when the Lord protected *Shadrach, Meshcach, and Abednego* in the fiery furnace (Da.3:25-27)

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* Hey during the good times and blessed times ahead this year we must put our trust in the Lord

* No matter how deep the trial or hardship may be this year, no matter how fiery the oppression or persecution, the Lord promises to be with His people!

Matthew 18:20

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”

Matthew 28:20

“Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen”