

All Things New

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Revelation 21:5, "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."

A new year has come to us once again. As we get older they seem to come more often. This last year has been different in many ways, especially with this virus and the problems it has caused. However, the Christian is to live for the Lord under whatever conditions may come. Jesus never said, contrary to what some preachers have said, that everything would be easy and prosperous for us. When you think back to 2020, how did you live it? Was it a year to serve the Lord and to praise him, or was it a year to complain and to live in fear?

I hope that it was a year that God's people did a lot more praying for our nation and the countries of the world. If you know the bible you can see that some of the things that Jesus said would take place before his coming are starting to happen. Wars, earthquakes, famine, and pestilences are no strangers to us. Have you considered that periodically there is a new dis-

ease that comes along?

This world has its problems due to sin and man's actions of wars and destruction. Jesus told of things that would take place and they are and will continue to happen. What we need to remember is that he also told of good things that would happen for his people. When the time is right he will make all things new. I'm not going to try to tell you when this will be, but it will be when the Lord wills it to be. Jesus came to this earth when God said it was the right time and his coming back will be in God's time, not ours.

Think of it, all things new. Not just some, not just an improvement, but all things will be made new. Now we think of heaven with the streets of gold and the gates of pearl, but that is just a part of it. There will be no death there, no saying goodbye to our loves ones as we have had to do here on earth. Not only will the undertaker not be needed, the doctors will be a thing of the past as well. No police, army, or locks on doors will be needed, for it will be a place of righteous and love. There will be no hate, prejudice, or lying in that land where we will be in the presence of God.

Those who hate and abuse their neighbor will not be there. If a person acts like he is a child of God but hates and despises other folks in his heart he will not

be in heaven. It will be a place for those who are truly born again. With that being said, will you, or I, fit in to such a place? I mean will we be able to live with none of the drama and tensions of the life that we have known here in this life?

Are we following the Lord now while we're here in this life? When we think of there not being a lie told in heaven, we need to remember that means that we have to be always truthful too. Can we say that we are that way now? Really, is the truth the only thing that comes from our lips? Not even a little half-truth to avoid hurting someone's feelings? Some church folks have told me that they thought it would be alright to mislead a person in some circumstances. Is it? I don't remember the Lord Jesus saying it was alright to lie in some situations, do you?

The Lord said that he would make all things new and that means that we have to be made new as well. If we are not a new creature in Christ Jesus now, I don't see how we can be with him in heaven. **2 Peter 3:13-14, "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. ¹⁴ Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."**

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ABRAM IN EGYPT
HAVING VIEWED SARAI'S BEAUTY, THE EGYPTIAN PRINCES ARE WELL AWARE THAT THEIR PHARAOH WILL REWARD THEM HANDSOMELY FOR SUCH GOOD NEWS—ALL OF WHICH ABRAM HAS FEARED....

WILL YOU HAVE SOME REFRESHMENT?

NAY NOW! WE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME!

AS THE PRINCES HURRY OFF, ABRAM HAS DISQUIETING THOUGHTS OVER THEIR HASTE!

...AND INDEED, THE PRINCES CAN HARDLY WAIT TO TELL THEIR PHARAOH THIS NEWS!

O, MIGHTY PHARAOH, LIVE-FOR-EVER, HEAR US!

...AND YOU SAY SHE IS THE SISTER OF THIS STRANGER IN MY LAND—HMMM! WE SHALL HAVE TO SEND HIM MANY FINE GIFTS!

...AND PHARAOH IS VERY PLEASED! A GREAT BEAUTY, HERE, IN HIS LAND! SOME ONE, NO DOUBT, WHO CAN GIVE GRACE AND STYLE TO HIS ESTABLISHMENT—A WORTHY ORNAMENT FIT TO REFLECT HIS OWN ROYAL SPLENDOR, HANDSOMELY!

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