

Can God Do A New Thing In You?

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Isa 43:18-19 TLB

*18 "But forget all that-it is nothing compared to what I'm going to do!
19 For I'm going to do a brand new thing. See, I have already begun!
Don't you see it? I will make a road through the wilderness of the
world for my people to go home, and create rivers for them in the
desert!"*

Introduction:

- A. Exactly what is God wanting to do?
 - 1. Something "Brand new" – we don't know.
 - a. I've seen revival, but not like this one.
 - b. You've seen lost saved, but not like this.
 - c. I've felt the anointing, but not like this.
 - d. We've had moves of God, but not like...

YOU HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE!!!

1 Sam 3:11 NIV

And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle."

Rev 21:5 NASU

"Behold, I am making all things new."

- 2. Illustration of preaching at Muscle Shoals:
 - a. Nobody but Daystar would put up with me.
 - b. Changed: name, location, service times, music, classes, teachers...
- B. God's like a watermelon seed. He keeps squirting out of your hand.

1. Great Revival at Day of Pentecost.
2. Protestant Reformation.
3. Great Welsh Revival of 18th C. – thousands saved:
every evangelist age 15-19.
4. GOD WILL NOT BE PUT IN A BOX!!!

C. “New” (chadash) – to rebuild or repair.

1 Kings 18:30 NKJV

And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

1. We are in a day like Elijah faced.
2. The altar of God has been broken.
3. If we are going to be a part of the dynamic NEW thing
God has promised the end-time people, we must
REPAIR THE ALTAR OF THE LORD!!!

For God To Do A New Thing It Will Take Some:

I. Forgetting.

Isa 43:18 NIV

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past."

A. Forget the Good Times.

1. In Isa. 43, God has just reminded Israel of all of the
great things He had done among them.
2. “But forget all of that...”

B. Dwelling on the past will result in stagnation.

1. History is littered with churches, movements, revivals,
denominations that began with a genuine move of
God.

2. The next step is often LEGALISM = “This is the (only) way God moves.”

3. “We’ve never done it like that before.”

C. God’s Answer? → No You Haven’t & Neither Have I!!!

1. God is about to do a NEW THING!

2. No matter how great the last move of God was, you cannot have the new one until you let go of the old one!

D. Forget The Bad Times.

1. Satan loves to use the bad times against us.

2. They are a reminder of past failures.

3. They are fuel to the fire of fear.

E. They paralyze us so that we cannot move on.

1. If you cannot forget your failures, remember that God CAN & HAS!

2. If you are under the attack of fear, remember that one man and God is a MAJORITY!!!

II. Seeing.

Isa 43:19 TLB

See, I have already begun! Don't you see it? I will make a road through the wilderness of the world for my people to go home, and create rivers for them in the desert!

A. A negative spirit has swept through God’s church (pulpit to pew).

1. Prognosticators of gloom and doom fill pulpits everywhere.

2. They pound their Bibles in defiance of all the “bad” and forget what that Bible says:

Acts 2:17 NIV

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

- B. God is saying, “I have already begun this new thing.”
 1. Road in the wilderness & river in the desert.
 2. What for? To bring HIS people home.
 3. Contrary to popular religious opinion, THEY ARE ALL HIS PEOPLE!!!
- C. “Desert” (yeshiymown) – Desolation.
 1. Millions of souls are in desolation: Thousands in Cullman county.
 2. God says, “Rivers Here! Roads in wilderness”
- D. Demoniac of Gadara.
 1. Demon possessed, masochist: Feared by all – wild man, crazy man.
 2. With one touch from God, he is found worshiping at the feet of Jesus.
- E. No matter how wild the wilderness, desolate the dessert:
 1. God: “I’m sending a road in the wilderness.”
 2. God: “I’m sending a river in the dessert.”
- F. “River” (nahar) – A FLOOD! – not a trickle.
 1. This is a river of dynamic change.
 2. We cannot afford to be satisfied bobbing in a wade pool while the RIVER is flowing!

III. Sacrificing.

- A. There are over 80,000 residents of Cullman County.
1. The vast majority of them need Jesus.
 2. This county is choking to death on its own religion.
 3. THIS COMMUNITY NEEDS REVIVAL!!!
- B. What if God said he would reach them all through Daystar (you and me)?
- C. What if God said I will do it but:
1. It will cost you more than you're giving.
 2. It has to happen on Tuesday nights.
 3. Person you're dating is wrong for you (youth).
 4. You have taken the wrong job.
 5. Your worship is too shallow – I Want More!
 6. It will cost you your Saturdays.

WOULD IT HAPPEN??????

Or Is Something Else More Important Than A Move of God?

- D. If the answer is “No”, if you're not sure, if you even hesitated...
- YOU'RE WRONG!
 - NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN GOD'S WILL!

Conclusion:

- A. I'm not telling you to give up anything.
1. That's not my job.
 2. But I know a move of God will cost you something.

- B. Some of you here tonight:
1. God couldn't tell you to sacrifice anything b/c you're not listening.
 2. God's will never crosses your mind.
- C. God cannot do a new thing in you until you sacrifice your will for His.
- D. Invitation – *"I know a new thing is coming. I want it in my life!"*

The First Sacrifice Is A Sacrifice Of Praise:

Isaiah 42:9 TLB 10-12 NIV

9 Everything I prophesied came true, and now I will prophesy again. I will tell you the future before it happens."*10 Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them. 11 Let the desert and its towns raise their voices; let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice. Let the people of Sela sing for joy; let them shout from the mountaintops. 12 Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands.*