

Bible Study

Lesson 1

CELEBRATING AN ENDING FOR A NEW BEGINNING

Isaiah 43:16-19

We often quote this scripture: "This is the day which the Lord has made, we shall rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24) We are not only celebrating a new day but a new week, a new month, a new year and a new decade. The year 2020 is symbolic of God giving us another chance to get things right. Many people are talking about 20/20 vision which means we want to see things more clearly through God's eyes. 20/20 vision should lead to us to fulfilling God's mission which is His plan for our lives. Fulfilling God's plan for our lives brings us joy. There is no greater joy than being in the perfect will of God. Being in the perfect will of God means that we are doing what God created us to do and fulfilling His desire for our lives.

In order for God to use us, we must surrender ourselves to God, submit ourselves to Christ's Lordship and saturate His spirit into our spirit. For this cause a person has to say to oneself, "not my will but your will Lord be done in my life". It is the ending of our will and way and the beginning of God using us to His glory. It is the beginning of watching the God who created us, then called us to be children of God, chose us to execute His work on earth and now is consecrating us as His disciples. When God to is doing a new thing we must release the old things.

Let me share with you how we can celebrate an ending for a new beginning.

- I. Release the Former Things of Old (vs.18)
 - A. Forgiveness is the key
 - B. Forget the good and the bad
- II. Refresh the Present Things (vs. 16-17)
 - A. Observe how God is making a way for you
 - B. Obey God as He makes a path for you
- III. Rehearse the new Things (vs. 19)
 - A. The things that He brings by faith
 - B. The things that spring forth