

**Step into a New Day**  
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“Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal” – **President Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address**

**Revelation 21:1 (NIV)** – Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth”, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

**Isaiah 65:17 (NIV)** – “See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind”.

**Isaiah 57:20-21 (NIV)** – But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud. “There is no peace”, says my God, “for the wicked”.

**Matthew 8:24-27 (NIV)** – “Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, ‘Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!’ He replied, ‘You of little faith, why are you so afraid?’ Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, ‘What kind of man is this? Even the winds and waves obey him!’”

“He spoke to the men first, for they were the most difficult to deal with. Wind and sea could be rebuked afterwards” – **Charles Spurgeon**

“The storm was probably excited by Satan, the prince of the power of the air, who, having gotten the author and all the preachers of the Gospel together in a small vessel, thought by drowning it, to defeat the purposes of God, and thus to prevent the salvation of a ruined world. What a noble opportunity must this have appeared to the enemy of the human race!” – **Adam Clarke**

“**rebuke**” = Greek *epetimesen* – “to mete out due measure”

**Luke 17:20-21 (NKJV)** – Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The

kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you".

**Romans 8:31 (NIV)** – “What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

**Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)** – “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland”.

**1 Kings 17:1-9 (NIV)** –Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe<sup>[a]</sup> in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.” Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.” So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. <sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.”