



**"BEHOLD, I AM DOING A NEW THING"**  
**Isaiah 43:18-19**

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. GOD CALLS US TO RELEASE THE PAST**

*"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old." (v. 18)*

**A. The Weight of Yesterday**

**B. The Grace That Redeems Yesterday**

Psalm 103:12 - *"As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."*

**C. The Decision to Move Forward**

Philippians 3:13–14 - *"...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead."*

**Remember...**

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## II. GOD PROMISES TO REFRESH THE PRESENT

*"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth..."*

A. God Is Working Even When We Do Not See It

B. God Invites Us to Notice His Movement

*"Do you not perceive it?"*

C. God's New Things Begin in the Heart

Ezekiel 36:26 - *"I will give you a new heart... and a new spirit I will put within you."*

## III. GOD IS PREPARING TO RESOURCE OUR FUTURE

*"...I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (v. 19)*

A. Wilderness Does Not Intimidate God

- Wilderness = confusion, uncertainty, difficulty.
- Desert = dryness, fatigue, lack.

B. God's Provision Will Surprise Us

Isaiah 55:8–9 - *"My thoughts are not your thoughts... my ways are higher than your ways."*

C. God Goes Ahead of His People

Deuteronomy 31:8 - *"It is the Lord who goes before you... he will not leave you or forsake you."*

## CONCLUSION

As we enter a new year:

**Release the past** — *God has forgiven it.*

**Recognize the present** — *God is working in it.*

**Rest in the future** — *God has prepared it.*

Isaiah 43:19 is not a slogan—it is a promise.

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