



## "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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