

7DAYFAST

DAY TWO

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God is in the ministry of making things new. Whether it is to regenerate something back to its intended state or to transform it into something that it has never been before, nothing is too difficult for Him to make right and beautiful.

Whether it is a hardened heart that he makes soft and pliable, or a nation that He births in a day, God patiently and strategically works to bring His righteousness and purposes to pass.

There are two insights I believe the Lord wants me to share with you today.

First, God wants to reveal to us the new thing He is doing.

Amos 3:7 & 8 (NKJV) says, “Surely the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets. The lion has roared- who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken- who will not prophesy?”

We read in Isaiah 42:9 (NKJV) that the Lord says, “Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

In Isaiah 43:19, the Lord says again, “Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?”

And Daniel 2:22 says, “He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.”

God wants His people to know what He is getting ready to do, because He wants us to understand and partake of it with Him.

In order to for us to do this, we must not only be in the right place, but the we must be in the right heart-posture to hear from the Lord. The right place is in the secret place with God - seeking Him and being with Him.

Do you remember when the angel, Gabriel, came to Zacharias to announce the birth of his son, John the Baptist. Zacharias was in unbelief about what the angel was saying. The angel then went on to say to Zacharias, “But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time” (Luke 1:20, NKJV).

Zacharias was in the right place to hear from the Lord when the angel came to him. He was burning incense before the Lord, which prophetically represents prayers going up before His throne as an offering to Him. He was in the right place, spending time with the Lord and ministering to Him, but his heart wasn’t in the right posture to receive what the Lord wanted to say to Him. He was in unbelief.

Zacharias had prayed to the Lord for many years to receive a son, but at this point in his life he was old and beyond the years that most people would be having children. Because what he was praying for didn’t fit into his own perception of timing, he was doubting an angel that appeared to him from the throne of God! We need to be careful that unbelief does not creep into our lives concerning a new thing, because it didn’t happen in the time frame that we thought it should.

Just like Zacharias, when we have unbelief about the new thing God is getting ready to do, we are not allowed to partake in the joy and privilege of announcing its coming. In this case, God gave Zacharias the ability to still be a part of what God was doing by raising John, but he was not able to announce the coming of his own son because of His unbelief.

Secondly, Not only does God want us to know what He is doing, but God also invites us to be a part of the new thing He is doing.

God wants us to know what He is doing, so we can understand when it happens, AND so we can be a part of it. There are so many stories from the Bible that we can look at to see this, but let me continue with the story of Jesus's birth, since it is fresh on our minds from Christmas.

The angel came to both Mary and Zacharias to show them, not only what God was about to do in the earth, but what He was about to do THROUGH THEM. One was an old man and one was a young woman. It doesn't matter your age, gender, nationality or net worth. God calls His people to be a part of what He is doing. What a privilege that is!

In many ways Zacharias and Mary's stories were the exact opposite of one another, but God found a way to make them both a part of His story and the new thing He was doing in the Earth.

God can do the same with our lives. It doesn't matter what our weaknesses, qualifications or stories are. God uses all those things in our lives to receive the glory. He just needs those who will say yes to it. May our response be like Mary's response to the angel, "Let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38 NKJV).

Mary didn't even have the Holy Spirit living on the inside of her yet as we have the privilege of having. Truly we are without excuse for God to be bringing new life through us to others around us. We have the love of the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion with the Holy Spirit living in us (2 Corinthians 13:14). We only need to believe, seek and yield to Him.

Ask the Lord how He wants to use the gifts He has given you - the gifts from His Holy Spirit - to bring about new things in and for others all around you.

How can He use His gift of healing to make all things new in another person's life? What about the gift of teaching He put on the inside of you? And oh, think how that gift of mercy that someone is needing to experience today can transform their lives! Do you see the treasures of His Kingdom He has placed on the inside of us to bring about new life and transformation in those around us and in the Earth?

Let's look at our last scripture of this devotion for today: Revelation 21:1-5 (NKJV).

"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.'"

"Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.'"

One day, the Lord is going to make all things new, so much so that there will be a new Heaven, a new Earth and a New Jerusalem. He will wipe away every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death, no more sadness, no more pain.

And guess who will be right in the middle of all that God is doing? His Body! His beloved Bride! His people who are truly His! Yes, you and me!

Get used to God using you. Get used to being in the middle of what God is doing. Learn and be taught by the Holy Spirit how He has chosen to release His presence, glory and new thing to those around you! This is His will for your life!

Make sure you are becoming in this life who you are called to be in the eternal life - that person that is right in the middle of what He is doing. Make sure you are pursuing your eternal purpose now and that you are becoming who He intended you to be. Stop looking at what you used to be and start seeing all God is making new in you! Let God prove in your own life how much He can make something new.

Brothers and sisters, we are so blessed to be in the Kingdom of God! We are so blessed to be sons and daughters of the Most-High God. May you experience and encounter Him on this fast as the God who makes all things new both in you and through you!