

7DAY FAST

DAY FOUR

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Victory Family, I love you and am honored to share the fresh bread that God has prepared for us today and enjoy the tastiness of His word together. May Jesus the true manna of Heaven fill us, delight us and tickle our taste pallets leaving us satiated yet desiring more of Him! Before we start, I just pray over us in the Holy name of Jesus Christ for fresh strength, love, and revelation into the perfect will of our Heavenly Father, amen.

The theme of this fast is “All Things Made New.” This comes from Revelation 21:5 (NKJV, emphasis added):

5 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.”

When I think of the words of the Lord, “I make all things new,” it makes me ask the question, why do all things need to be made new? In addition to God making all things new, why was it in His heart to perform the act of making all things new? What happens after all things are made new? While petitioning these questions before the Lord, He took me from the end of Revelation, to Genesis, the beginning.

We know that in the beginning God created all things and “ then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day (Genesis 1:31 NKJV, emphasis added).” Why would God need to make all things new if in the beginning, when He founded all of creation, it was good before the Lord? Please turn with me to Genesis 3:14-19.

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”16 To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.” 17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return (NKJV, emphasis added).”

Because of the disobedience from Adam and Eve unto God this marked the fall of not just mankind but all of creation! From the moment of Adam and Eve’s sin against God, there were multiple curses released onto the serpent, the cattle, the ground, and humanity. The finality of this curse is death. This is the answer to my first question: why do all things need to be made new? From the moment sin entered the world, all of creation - ALL THINGS have become in dire need of ultimate redemption and reconciliation back to God for eternal life. For a life apart and separated from God is hell itself.

My next question is: why was it in God's heart to perform the act of making all things new? I love what God tells us in Colossians 1:16-20 (NKJV, emphasis added):

16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

I cannot fathom what it was like for all things to be created through Jesus Christ, but I liken it to a mother giving birth to a precious child. I would have loved to see the smile on the Lord's face when He had formed creation, just like a new mother looks at her child that is formed in her own image. I cannot fathom the heartache that God experienced to see all that was good become cursed and corrupted. But, how great is our God that through Jesus Christ's own blood and his sacrifice on the cross, we have eternal life and reconciliation to God through His son for all those who believe upon His Holy name. Hallelujah! If all things were created through Jesus and for Jesus, then how jealous was His love for you, me, and all of creation to lay down His own life so that we could be redeemed to Himself. Just like it says in Galatians 3:13 (NKJV):

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree").

By the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, He is making all things new! Another important reason that God is making all things new is found in Romans 8:20-22 (NKJV, emphasis added):

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

One of the main reasons God is renewing creation is because it is the children of God's inheritance! The Father of glory only gives good gifts and He is not giving His sons a corrupted creation filled with sin and death to rule and have dominion over for eternity. By His blood and His suffering on the cross, all things are being renewed and made new and set free from corruption.

22 "If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, 23 his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God. (Deuteronomy 21:22-23, NKJV, emphasis added).

All of creation was cursed and defiled by sin. Christ who knew no sin became sin and hung on a cross to redeem the whole world and all of creation for those who would believe. See, God is not giving His sons and daughters a defiled inheritance, but is giving us "all things new" through his son Jesus Christ.

The final question I have is what happens when Jesus makes all things new? Revelation 21:5-7 answers (NKJV, emphasis added),

5 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." 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

God has made, is making, and will make all things new. When He does, the fullness of “all things made new” will be our inheritance. Let this fuel and encourage the fire of your maranatha cry to know this: not only is the Lord Jesus Christ returning to bring us to our eternal home He has created for us that is incorruptible, but He will give us all things that He has made new. We have access and claim to all of this in and through Jesus Christ! Victory, brothers and sisters, you are the new creation in Christ Jesus, the old is gone and the new has come. Let not your anointed imagination end at the cross of Jesus, but let it soar with wings like eagles into the future glory of our eternity of all things made new with our Heavenly Father. I love you and will end this fast devotional with one final tasty scripture to fuel your day in 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (NKJV, emphasis added):

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed – 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” 55 “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.