

January/February/March Sermon Notes

BEHOLD I MAKE NEW

“I will open rivers in desolate heights, And fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, And the dry land springs of water. In will plant in the wilderness the cedar and the acacia tree, The myrtle and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the cypress tree and the pine And the box tree together, That they may see and know, And consider and understand together, That the hand of the LORD has done this, And the Holy One of Israel has created it.”Isaiah 41:18-20 NKJV

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year once again. It’s time for a new beginning. We are hopeful and excited about the new things this year will bring. It’s an opportunity for a new you, new dreams, new visions, new goals, new beginnings, a new start, a new opportunity, a new challenge, new plans, a new passion, a new approach, a new character, new name, new experiences, a new story, a new news, a new phase, new relationships, new attitude, new perspective, new projects, new order, new boundaries, new breakthroughs, new management, new songs, plan a new future, new inspirations and it’s all new all the way. Wanting change is one thing but how do you begin and how do you do it. We invite you to embrace a new start in Jesus Christ with the words of 2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has

passed away; behold, the new has come.” Oh Yes the new has come. Newness does not happen instantaneously though but through a process. It must start with you identifying the area you need a change. You must be honest about your need for a change and be ready to act and reposition yourself in the direction of change and prepare adequately for it. Change will not always come easy, it may come with challenges, but stay at it and don't give up as long-standing issues requiring change will not happen overnight, endure the process and keep your focus as you trust in Christ as your creator. You will also need direction and godly counsel through the process of your change. For change to happen we must allow God to lead as we journey. We can respond as we have our part to play in the process by listening, obeying, learning to be teachable, surrendering, been humble, been positive and to let God do a new thing.

God knows how to orchestrate events and put things right even in the most seemingly impossible situation. With God leading, there is nothing that cannot start over in your life. You may not be able to redo what went wrong, but with God you can have newness. Ask God for a new thing and ask him to lead you into newness. In Gen1:1 God created the heavens and the earth, In John 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Rev 21:5 and at the end of Age, God says” Behold, I make all things. This means, if God started it, he will finish it. God is more than able to complete the good work he

has started in you, for with God all things are possible. No broken life or brokenness is beyond God's new healing touch. Be it mental, spiritual, physical or emotional healing. New beginnings can only come from old endings. The past is over, the new has come. Embracing newness, requires intentionality and commitment. We have to learn how to let go of negative habits and cultivate new ones. We can allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate his fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in every area of our lives and we can begin to respond to situations differently as we let the Holy Spirit lead the way (Gal 5:25) The Holy Spirit keeps chipping away what does not resemble Jesus in us so that we are transformed into the image of Christ. The Holy Spirit chips away that quick temper, judgmental spirit, critical tongue, controlling tendencies, manipulative spirit, pride, lust, jealousy, gossiping, no self control, talkativeness, self pity and all those areas of weaknesses and with Jesus in your inside, you can do all things through him in 2024 (Phil 4:13). There is chaos in our world today, nations are in chaos, governments in chaos and so we find ourselves in chaotic situations we are not expecting, we can only trust God to lead us by his spirit into newness. Newness may require you to leave your comfort, plan your finances and spendings, plan your time, set new boundaries, take risks, seek and expand your knowledge, develop through training, block out distractions, no more excuses, pray, support someone, listen well, do your health checks, eat

healthier, it may be time for that therapy, be disciplined, whatever it requires it is worth it. Your motive for change has to be pure and not selfish and you must keep your focus on the new. In the Book of Genesis, the book of Beginnings, The first words were **IN THE BEGINNING GOD (Gen1:1)**. Beginning with God means beginning with knowing his words. God created the whole world through his words. God will create a new life in you as you study and apply the principles of his words in your life. Simply put, let's study God's words together in a new way this year.

A Happy New Year To You And Wishing You The Best From Elshaddai Bible Study and Prayer Ministry Team.

Further Bible Study Scriptures Gen 1: 1-31, 2Kings 2:9-15, Psalm 30:5, Isaiah 41:14-16, Isaiah 42:10-13, Isaiah 43:18-21, Isaiah 60:1-3, Isaiah 64:8, Jeremiah 1:1-5, Lamentations 3:22-23, Ezekiel 37:1-10, Mark 2:22, Romans 6:4, Romans 8:29, I cor 2:9, 1 Cor 15:58, Gal 2:20, Gal 5:25-26, Phil 1:6, Phil 4:13, Romans 8:29, Romans 12:1-2 , Hebrews11:3, Rev 21:1-8, Rev 22:13-14.

We invite you to make Jesus the Lord ,saviour and friend of your life and becoming God's child.

- **Admit your mistakes and be willing to let God give you a new beginning.**

- **Believe that the Lord Jesus is your Savior and He died on the cross and ressurected to save you.**

• Confess your sins through prayer and invite Jesus Christ into your life.

Dear Lord Jesus, I am sorry for all my wrong doings, please come into my heart and live forever. I receive you as my Lord and saviour. Through Jesus I have eternal life and I am born again. Thank you Jesus. Amen

We encourage you to read your Bible from now on, talk to God in prayer, join a church and fellowship with other Christians to encourage your faith.

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