

## Title: New Things

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### Isaiah 42:1-9

This is where we will start today. This is a prophecy of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who is “My Elect One, in whom My soul delights.” “Elect One,” means one set apart. “And the coastlands,” that is us, “shall wait for His law.” The far regions of the Earth are waiting for Him to fulfill the mandate of enacting justice and truth, for all.

Our country was founded on these principles, “Liberty and justice for all,” But, we have fallen short in doing it. God is allowing us to see how we have fallen short. He allows us to see where we fall short, in order to heal and deliver and perfect. Does that mean that we will be perfected? That is your prayer, “that we would come into the unity of the faith, into the full maturity of Christ Jesus.” It is not about a country. It is about country men. It is not about the nation of the United States of America. It is about the nations within this nation. That one nation has finally decreed and seen that all races can truly melt under the truth of the Bible, and that the word of God that was released in this land can truly unite and remove race. To make it a people under God is the goal. Have we made it? No. We see our frailties today. But, our goal is not that we would enact it. Our goal is that the Church would allow Jesus in us to “enact justice and truth till all the coastlands see it.”

Scripture says, “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” Who is doing that? It is the Holy Spirit. This is the age of the Holy Ghost. This is the age of the Holy Spirit. The Father was given to the Israelites. Jesus came for a time, but now He has poured out His Spirit on all flesh for the age of the Gentiles to be finished.

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Jesus will not fail nor be discouraged till He has established justice in the Earth and the coastlands shall wait for His law.

### Deuteronomy 29:29

The secret things belong to us and our children forever.

### Isaiah 42:9

“Before they spring forth, I will tell you of them.”

We have been talking about His kingdom being “expedient.” “Before His Kingdom breaks forth, I will tell you of it.” The expectancy and the expedience of God's Kingdom coming is a “new thing.” It is a new thing. Yes. “Behold, the former things have come to pass and new things I declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.” He is calling us to be “reliant” upon Him for these new things. If it is the age of the Holy Spirit, you must be reliant upon the Holy Spirit. His sheep hear His voice. All the devil does is try to tell you that you do not really hear His voice. That is all he does. That has been his number one tactic from the beginning. “Did God really say? Did Holy Spirit really tell you that? Are you really hearing Holy Ghost? Is Holy Ghost really speaking?”

Holy Ghost does exist and does speak. Holy Ghost exists, but the church has believed those lies more and more until it says, “the Holy Ghost does not exist, to this day. It stopped. It ceased.” Right? I grew up in a church that said that. But, then He spoke and I heard His voice, and that totally makes that doctrine void. When you hear God's voice truly speaking to you,

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there is more than just His voice. There is an empowerment. There is a baptism of fire. That is the Holy Spirit. These “new things,” are what the Lord is asking us to step into.

#### Isaiah 43:18-19

You understand new things versus old things? God does not tear down His kingdom and rebuild it. The old things that He talks about are the things that we have built. Do not remember the old ways. Do not remember the old things that you have built and set your hope in, because God's Kingdom is ever increasing. He builds it perfectly. Do you understand? He builds it perfectly, so He is not tearing down His old thing. He is not forgetting His ways. He is of old and He is of today. He who was, and who is, and who is to come. He is the "Ancient of Days."

What is He talking about? If you read in verses 16 through 17, He is talking about the ways that He delivered. The ways that He comes. He wants His people to look for Him to do something new. He wants us to be expectant for something outside the box. He is not in a box. He wants us to look for “expectant” things. He wants us to be like the prophet who said, “Just throw salt in that and it will be cured.” He wants us to be like the prophet that told the man to “dip seven times in the river,” and you will be cleansed of leprosy. He wants us to be like Jesus who said, “You do not have any fruit. Cursed be you.” He did not say it flippantly. He said it with purpose to a tree *without fruit*.

Every word that you speak is full of expectancy that God is going to answer it. That is the “expediency.” That is the “reliance.” That is the “new thing,” that I expect God to do. That is outside of my ways. So much, that we see new things in every chapter in the book. Who told Paul to ask for the neckerchiefs? Where did he read that in the Bible? Where did he read about getting the neckerchiefs and pray over them, and then deliver them to people who will be healed? Where did John the Baptist learn to baptize? Who taught him that doctrine? Did he read it in the scriptures? These are rhetorical questions in case you did not know. Why? It is a new thing. But, God does not tear down His old ways. He renews and makes it new.

#### Isaiah 6:1-3

I grew up reading this. I taught it two weeks ago. This is a troublesome time because King Uzziah is a good king. In the nation of Israel, when you had a good king, the nation goes up. When you have a bad king, the nation goes down. The oil went through the head. They saw it. “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord.”

Now why is this important? Because, who is going to be the next king? This is a time of transition. Will we have a good king? Or will we have an evil king? Is our future in dire straits, or is our future in good hands. In this time of worry, the time that King Uzziah died, Isaiah has a vision of the King. He has a vision of the One on His throne. “I saw the Lord sitting on a throne high and lifted up and the train of His robe fills the temple.”

#### Isaiah 6:2-3

Why am I telling you this? What are we talking about? I am telling you this because it is declaring a new thing. I grew up reading this, and thinking they have the most boring job on the planet. Raise your hand if you thought that they had the most boring job. They just go around God, singing the same thing over and over and over, and again and again. What is going on? What am I missing? Because, I was missing something.

You are missing the Holy Spirit. You are missing what you are seeing. You are looking at the angels, but you are not looking at what the angels are looking at. You are looking at what they are doing, not looking at who they are doing it for. When you look at the One, they are doing it for, then you realize, Oh, they see a new thing in God at that moment. As they fly around Him,

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they see the fullness of love, the fullness of joy, the fullness of wrath, the fullness of fear, the fullness of jealous, the fullness of peace, the fullness of self control, the fullness of mighty power. They see it and then one says, **“Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty,”** and cries out to the other one on the other side. When that one had turned just another fraction of time, it sees another “new thing of the depth and the profound richness of God,” and in it cries out **“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty!”** Your focus is on what they are doing, and they do not care about you at all. They are fixed upon the “river of living water” pouring out of God who is ever expanding in the depths of love and grace and mercy and peace and fire and it is continuously growing. Then, even if they saw it just 30 seconds ago, they see another depth of it. This is the “new things,” that God is saying. “I want to declare new things. My angels see it every second and cry out about it every day. I am never stopping. I am not decreasing. I have not stalled. I have not gone stagnant. I do not pause.”

We only see one time in the scriptures where there is a pause in heaven for thirty minutes. It is during the tribulation *written about* in Revelation. You can read about it. We just know that there is a pause. I do not know what happens. Nobody does. But, it is amazing to think of the worship that is happening, and that it would truly stop in the seriousness of the moment. When something is of reverent honor, we stop. How reverent and honorable must that moment be in the time of the history of the world, that all of Heaven and all of Earth is at a point of stopping.

Why am I telling you this? This is the “new things” that God is telling you. God is not throwing away the past or deconstructing His Kingdom and rebuilding it. You cannot think that way. God only tears down the works of man and builds an everlasting Kingdom in us. What am I saying? I am saying God builds. God builds on the revelation that came to our forefathers in the church. We are not to tear down the truth of the Holy Spirit, but to build upon it. There is not a deconstruction of faith. There is a building of those that can see the truth in faith and build upon it. Now is everything that the church has released truth. No, but God tears that down and builds on the truth.

#### Isaiah 28:9-10

Precept upon precept, line upon line, truth upon truth, faith to faith, and glory to glory. This is the way of the Lord. You cannot have a bunch of immature ones showing us the way to go. You must be built up with maturity. That is why it says, one generation, eldest to youngest. If the young *ones* lead the way, we go astray. If the old men do not *have* some leniency, then the fire can be quenched. You need both. You need those engines or young ones, with the faith of a child, that will go and go and go, and you need the elders with wisdom to hold the reins. Both are what we are after. We are called to seek and to know the new things, and to renew or build up upon the old. The Lord will tear down anything that is of men that we have made stale or where we have added to the Word of God. But, He is not tearing down His kingdom. He is expanding it.

#### Ephesians 2:19-22

He brings forth new things that are added to or deepening in the profound richness of God. Just as the seraphim are seeing the profound richness of His glory. They are not saying everything that I have ever known about God is completely null and void. You think that is ridiculous, but some people in the church think that we have to erase all the old to get the new wine. Now, there is an old wine skin. But, the old wine is how you get to the new. You are not to vomit up the old wine to get the new wine in you. It is still a part of who you are. He brings forth new things that are added and deepening to the profound richness of God.

Song of Solomon 7:13

This is Jesus, saying at your door, “I have given you gifts of profound delicacies of fruit and things that you are longing to eat.” The fruit of the Spirit, new and old. Not just new. It is all of it, “which I have saved up for you, my beloved.” Wow, right? These new things are going to be added on to you. Do not discard your old gifts of the Spirit, because they cannot be revoked. But, these new things must be understood that they are of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 5:36-39

This is a spiritual principle laid out in a parable for us. No one that has drunk the old wine immediately desires the new. That is the old wine skin where we add soulish things and religion. Our hopes and our expectations are then on this new wine. It is so good. This new thing is awesome. This is the only way, and we add on to it. God says okay, “I am going to give you new wine, beloved.” There is more than just this. Truly, when God says that He is going to give you a new thing and actually reveals the new thing, most of us say, “I do not want that.”

We get excited about it. But, I have yet to actually see anybody get excited when I tell them something new. I am just telling you the truth. In our flesh, we would rather do what we know. Not what we do not know. You would rather do what you know, because you are comfortable. We would rather “mop the floor the same way I have always done it since I was seven,” than learn a “new” or better way. I am uncomfortable with the new way. That is the truth.

That is a simple thing, but it is amazing. Because, in the House of God, we want to know the new things. We want those things to spring forth. We want them to come forth. Yet, when they come, our flesh says, “yeah, no.” That is the life of a Christian. The pastors see immediately that you do not want this new wine, because you are used to drinking the old wine and it is good.

Who drinks the new wine? The young ones do. They do not really understand the difference between a nice robust wine that you smell through your mouth as you drink it, as opposed to new wine. No, those young ones drink in that new wine as fast as they can. We know this. This is a natural thing. In the spirit, it is the same. That is why He said, “You must have faith like a child to enter into the Kingdom of God,” because then you will drink up the new thing, but not disregard the old. It is the fallacy of the young ones to just charge on and not remember your elders. This is the Bride of Christ being made ready and perfected in the Holy Spirit.

Luke 5:39

I am emphasizing “immediately,” because you will get there. It might not be right away, but that is the House of God. Yes, I know it is not right away, but we want it to be. We want it to be right away. When the new word comes forth, we want to receive it. We will be open to say, “yes, I open my mouth and you will fill it.” But, it is okay if not all of you are “immediately” open, that is the work of the Holy Spirit to get us where we will say “no, the old is not better. The old is getting stale. The old is running dry.” The old is now a “form of religion,” that you will not let go of as an old wineskin. I need to remove it.

We must have structure. God gives us those wineskins to hold it. He knows how to hold the fifties, the hundreds, the thousand of thousands. He knows how to hold them and the new wine, but you cannot say that is the end all. This is the “new things” that we are expectant of, reliant upon, and expectant of an expedient return. “No one having drunk the old wine immediately desires the new.” “Blessed are those who are not offended by me.”

Luke 7:18-23

We just read that John the Baptist asked Jesus, "Are you the "Coming One," or should we look to another?" Remember we read in Isaiah about His, "Elect One," being sent. This is very interesting. Jesus says, "Blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

Matthew 21:23-27

These, "elders," question Jesus regarding His teaching and authority. They had been drinking the "new wine" spoken of by the prophet Ezra regarding what it means to follow the Lord God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. Ezra brought the revival of the Jewish people. He was the evangelist, the revivalist, and the teacher of precept upon precept. He did not tear down Moses's ways. He did not tear down David's ways. He did not tear down Solomon's ways. He built upon them. He said, "This is what it means. This is where we lost it in our hearts." For four hundred years they had been doing what Ezra told them to do. But, it got a little then a lot more stale and religious, becoming more about the process and the ways instead of about the why and the heart of it.

Matthew 21:24-25

Jesus comes and asks, where John's teaching of baptism was from?

John was a prophet that had come to them. He spoke of "a baptism of repentance to prepare the way of the Lord." You cannot read about a baptism in the Old Testament. Jesus confronts the "elders" and says, "who was John the Baptist, and where did his doctrine of baptizing come from, heaven or men?"

Matthew 21:25-26

If it is from men, it is going to fall. God is going to tear it down. If it is from God, He is going to build upon it. Jesus asks them, "where is it from." This same man, John, received the "new thing" of God, the baptism of repentance by water, which Jesus said, "I have to do the baptism of repentance, because I have to fulfill all things in the Word of God." Jesus goes and gets water baptized *by John*. Jesus also says, all who are in me are going to be baptized in water, but I have a baptism of fire. How I long until I can put my hands on you and fill you with my fire. He builds upon the precept of *water* baptism, with the Holy Ghost baptism in the Spirit. So, it is of God, and not of men. But, this same prophet, John, questioned the new wine of Jesus. Did he believe? I believe he did. "Blessed are those who are not offended by me."

When a new thing comes, you get offended. When Brandy or I say, "We are doing this," you get offended. You do, and it is not immediate, but, you get there. Look at how we have grown. Because, He says, "you are not going to stay the way you are. I shall complete the work that I started in you. I will do it. It might not be "immediate," but we want to get more receptive and more discerning. So that if the devil tries to give us a fake new thing, you can filter it out. That is why you need your elders. That is why you need the young ones. We help each other grow into the unity of the faith, and built upon the apostles and prophets in Jesus Christ. We are that living temple of stones. This is the way walk in it. New things of the Holy Spirit verses of the soulish and worldly realm.

I have been in Houses of God where they just want to talk about "a new thing." But, it has nothing to do with the Holy Spirit. I do not know how to explain it other than that. They just want to talk about new things, and to debate and talk about them. It sounds great. But, it is not Holy Spirit. You can do good things and talk about new things springing forth all the time. But, it is not actually growing the House of the Lord.

Acts 17:17

He reasoned. He is pleading. Paul is a brilliant man. If you really know his background, Paul is brilliant. He is about to go off on one of the best sermons ever in the town of Athens. Paul says that the message that I gave to Athens did not bear the same fruit as when I did not speak at all and Holy Spirit comes. How do we know this? Because, after Athens he goes to Corinth and in the book of Corinthians, he says, "I did not come to you with persuasion of speech." What is he talking about? In the town before, he came with persuasion of speech, reasoning, and speaking on their level, but the fruit was minimal. Compared to that he did not come with persuasion of speech, but in weakness and in trembling, and the gospel spread forth with power in their midst. He learned how to be abounding and abased.

Acts 17:17-21

I have been around that. It is like, they hear it. "Oh, my ears hear something new." But, after they have heard it once, they cannot hear it again. I have run into that spirit that says, "This is what God has shown me. This is revelatory to me." The response is, "Oh, I have heard that before, tell me something new." Versus the revelation of the Holy Spirit that all are undergirded with. It is like the gift of encouragement. If you are an encourager, you probably encourage a lot in the same way. In our House encouragers get discouraged, because people will not listen to their encouragement.

There is a verse in the Bible that says if you have a gift of encouragement, give it and use it. But, if the House has this on them, *being* Epicurean and Stoic, "tell me something new and encourage me a new way." I cannot be encouraged by you any more. That gift gets quenched. Jesus is not one that quenches the fire of flax. That is what we read in Isaiah. Remember, "He does not even quench the fire of flax or the candle. Yes, this is a delicate thing.

This is why you must cling to Jesus, because you cannot do it on your own strength. You are going to offend. We are going to offend our brothers and sisters. We are going to discourage them. We have to be willing to say, "I am discouraged." You have to be willing to cry and say, "I am sorry I discouraged you." You have to be willing to let the flame burst again. That is what it really looks like to be a House full of the love of God that forgives and continues to forgive. There is a soulish realm of "new things." There is a worldly realm of the newest thing. Right? We all see it in health and in fads of health. The newest thing there is that worldly, soulish realm, but it can infiltrate in the soul of the Church. Those things that are not of God. He will tear them down to build the spiritual House of the Lord.

God does make your ears tingle. You can tingle your ears with the soulish realm. You can feed on what you want to hear, instead of the new thing that often offends you. That is often a way that you can discern the difference. Is this something that I love to hear? Or, is this something that my spirit is like, "yes," and my flesh is like, "no." Then it is probably the Holy Ghost. But, some of you say, "I do not know how to discern that." That is why we want to feed you meat, not milk. If you are still on the milk, then it is hard to understand the difference between flesh and spirit. Sometimes it all sounds like your flesh going, "Yeah, a new thing. Let's go." Then the elders are back there, saying, "Whoa, let's slow down here." Then you get offended at *them*.

II Timothy 4:2-5

Like today, how many podcasts can we keep up with ourselves? But, you are not going to listen to the podcasts you do not want to hear. Right, because you have that option. How much does it show the maturity of faith you have if you will hear sound doctrine from the elders, apostles and prophets of the house? Even if you do not want to hear them? Who is more mature? If it is that way in the natural realm, how much more is it in the spiritual realm?

Isaiah 48:6-7

I love that! There is the way that God has always tingled the ears of the nation. God hides things in His heart, that He will not say until a certain time. Then He releases it. It tingles our ears, because it always has to do with His people Israel. He does not reveal everything that is in His heart to do with Israel. He has told us a lot. He has not said everything. When anything happens with His people, it tingles the ears of the world. We are walking in that time. Whether you want to talk about it or not. The world is talking about Jerusalem and the Israel that God's eye is on. The center of the map for God is Jerusalem. You are right. We read the spirits of all mankind come from Him. Whether you want to talk about Israel or not, you will. How do we know this? I am going to read some verses here.

I Samuel 3:11

Samuel literally means, "heard by God." God hears, "heard by God." God's first word to him, as a young boy is, "The Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle."

Your mother's prayer was heard by Me, and now you are going to hear my voice all your days. It is just God, that does that. He says, that when I tell you, it is going to make everyone else who hears your words, feel their ears tingle. This was actually a very stern rebuke and curse to Eli, the high priest in Israel, and his sons Phinehas and Hophni. They all died in one day and the Ark of God was lost to the Philistines.

II Kings 21:12

The way that God gets the attention of the world is through Israel. He always will, because they are His people. They are His chosen people to release the gospel and to release the word of the Lord. We are here because of the Jews who heard Him. We are here because Jews said "yes," to the call of God on their life. He still uses them to show Himself strong in the nations. He still uses Israel to show Himself as the "God of all the nations that will exalt my name." That is it.

In this time, the "new things," that you yearn for is because God has opened your ears when Israel was struck. So, many people are turning their ear to God in this time, because Israel was struck. Their ears tingled to hear, "Where am I? What am I doing? Where are we at? Is God coming now? God uses it to hook the nations in, but He also uses it to cast the net and bring in His people and bring in His children.

Jeremiah 19:3

Yes, it is a new thing. His ears will tingle. Has that not happen? It has, but what is our job? Our job is to say, "This is of the Lord. We are His people. There is freedom. There is healing. The time is now to be saved. The time is now, to not wonder where you are going. The time is now to come into the fold. The time is now, not to sit on the sidelines, but let's go to work." Amen! If your ears tingle, it is the Holy Spirit. Stand and let's pray together.

"Holy Ghost, I say, "yes," to your voice that cries out. "This is the way, walk in it. Prepare the way of the Lord. Come, Lord Jesus, come." We say, "yes," God to your working in us the perfect will of God, that builds us up as living stones into the temple of the Lord, filled full with your glory, your goodness, your power, your love, and your forgiveness to heal the world around us. May your love burn like a fire in us. Our only desire is to worship you with our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.