

What's New?

Have you ever wondered if God ever does anything new? Does it sometimes seem that every thing keeps going on the same, and not much is new? Have you wondered if the writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes was right when he said, "There is nothing new under the sun."?

Does it make a difference? I believe it does indeed. There are times as we walk through our lives that we pause and survey the world, we size up our lives, indeed we (even if we might not admit it) kind of size up God.

About what? Lots of things; about how our lives are unfolding; how our walk with Him seems so much the same, how it might seem not to be blossoming as we expected; or perhaps how dear family or friends remain seemingly untouched by God despite years of prayer for them. There are times when evil in our world seems to be winning. Where is God in these times? Is He really alive and well?

May I invite you to open your heart and let Him sing a very special song over you. Listen!

Lamentations 3:22-23 Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are **new every morning**; Great is Your faithfulness.

Isa 43:19 - Behold, **I am doing a new thing**; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (*that means your wilderness, your desert!*)

Rev 21:5 - And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, **I make all things new**." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Sometimes when life seems to overwhelm me with ordinariness, I need to stir up my faith by remembering the Lord's declarations about Himself. He is always and ever the God of creation. He is the God of electric living, He is the God of the Now. Everything He does is New; it is Lifegiving, it is transforming, it is Redemptive.

Let the circumstances be what they seem. I will not look at what is and wish it were not; I will look with faith at what is not, and declare what the Lord says about Himself. And in that state of faith, I will not sing to Him a stale old song; indeed will I return His Divine Newness with a new song springing from my heart. And do I have biblical grounds for such newness to flow from within my innermost being? Listen to the song He longs for: In His own words,

Ps 33:3 - Sing to him a **new song**, play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Ps 40:3 - He put a **new song** in my mouth, a **song** of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Ps 96:1 - O sing to the LORD a **new song**; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Ps 98:1 - A Psalm. O sing to the LORD a **new song**, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

Ps 144:9 - I will sing a **new song** to thee, O God; upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to thee,

Ps 149:1 - Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a **new song**, his praise in the assembly of the faithful!

Isa 42:10 - Sing to the LORD a **new song**, his praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants.

And finally, not only does He love us to sing new songs to Him here on earth, but He promises to give us yet another one when He comes for His Bride and takes us as His own:

Rev 5:9 - and they sang a **new song**, saying, "Worthy art thou to take the scroll and to open its seals, for thou wast slain and by thy blood didst ransom men for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Rev 14:3a - and they sing a **new song** before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders.

My love – and still singing,

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