

## GOD'S PROMISE OF A NEW THING Selected Old & New Testament Scripture

How would you define the word promise?

- **A declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen.**

The promises of God – II Corinthians 1:20

*For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.*

God made a promise to His children at a time when they were in bondage and that promise is found in **Isaiah 43:18-21**

- They were refugees whose land and Holy City were in ruin.
- Without a King or an army, they were helpless before the nations around them.
- They were guilty of great rebellion against God and had suffered great humiliation and chastening.
- But God says, “*Behold, I will do something new!*”

Now Isaiah records these words somewhere between 740-680 BC.

**Revelation 21:5-7**

- Jesus says:
  - “**Behold I make all things new.**”
  - “**Write, for these words are faithful and true**”.
  - “**It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.**”
- Jesus says that He will:
  - “*I will give to the one who thirst from the spring of the water of life without cost.*”
  - **John 4:14**
- To the one who overcomes (so who is the overcomer):
  - “*He will inherit these things.*”
  - **I John 5:4**
  - “*I will be his God and he will be My son*”.

One of the things that Christ came to make new is how we relate to and approach God.

Let's talk a little history here.

- Once a year the Chief Priest would go from the Holy Place into the Holy of Holies to make atonement for the people (**The Day Of Atonement**).
- He would have to pass through the Veil that separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies (veil – the sacred).
- In the Holy of Holies was the Ark Of The Covenant.
  - The 10 Commandments (**guidelines to live by**).
  - Aaron's rod that had budded (**a sign of God's providence**).
  - A jar of manna (**a sign of God's provision**)
- The Mercy Seat would be the covering for the Ark.
- The High Priest would enter into the Holy of Holies and sprinkle the Mercy Seat of God with the blood from the sacrifice making atonement for the sins of God's people.

We know from the Gospels that one of the events that occurred at the Crucifixion of Christ was that the veil of the Temple was rent or torn from top to bottom opening a new way for God's people to now enter into His presence.

- **Matthew 27:50-54**
  - Notice that the first thing that happened after the yielding of Christ Spirit was that the veil in the Temple was torn from top to bottom.
  - Notice the words of the Centurion, (and those that were with him) "***Truly this was the Son of God!***"

Warren Wiersbe in his Commentary says:

- "***The death of Christ opened the way into the presence of Holy God as no other sacrifice could.***"
- "***It was God alone who made this access into the Throne of Grace possible.***"

We are not sure who the writer of the Book of Hebrews is, for we are not told, but I think this author may give us the best visual in words of how this ties the Old Testament and New Testament together.

- **Hebrews 9:1-7**
  - Notice that the Priest had to offer a blood sacrifice for himself and the people.

- Hebrews 10:19-22
  - Where is our confidence found to enter the Holy Place (**the blood of Christ**).
  - We enter in by a new and living way.
    - Inaugurated – introduce
    - By His flesh.
  - How are we to draw near to God, (**sincere heart in full assurance of faith**).
    - Hebrews 4:14-16 - *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*
  - There is no other way for us to approach the Throne of Grace other than through the blood of Christ.