

STARTING FRESH 4-1-04

There is always a fuss made over the ending of one year and the start of another. The concept of renewal is also a powerful bible theme. Things wear out, things change, things get tired, changes need to be made. This is what God is offering the human race... a new life with new conditions.

We start by making the changes that God wants us to do... then comes the advantages.

1PET 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt (*lift and change*) you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. *This is the best offer you are ever going to get.*

8 Be sober (*calm and collected*), be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: *All new life is threatened by predatory animals... however we have the power to escape... to mature and grow.*

9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions (*a suffering, misfortune, calamity, evil, affliction*) are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. *In or out of the Lord the same problems will arise ...but we have an answer in the Spirit. We have a new way of doing things*

There is a better way to live... a fresh approach to a much superior life.

ISA 43:18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. *It's time to move forward.*

19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and rivers in the desert. God promises to guide and direct us in the new ways of spiritual life. Miracles become common... quality of life improves.*

Joshua confirms that God keeps his word... these changes happened to the small and insignificant tribe of Israel.

JOS 21:43 And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.

44 And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.

45 There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass. *These were not a people of power nor skill... they were simply willing to believe God and start fresh.*

Many think that the way of God is full of overwhelming temptations or even impossible, but it is not the case.

1COR 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. *This world cannot match this offer that God makes. All will face the trials of life, but only God will step in when the going gets too tough.*

Not only do we get a fresh start, we also receive a guarantee of guidance and growth... eternal support

2COR 9:8 And God *is* able to make all grace (*favour*) abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: *The formula is simple... we get a fresh start through the power of the Holy Spirit.... all our needs are met... thus we are free to go out and continue the work of God. Best of all, this is a daily promise... fresh every morning.*