

Let go and get hold

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NASB) ¹⁸ “Do not call to mind the former things,
Or ponder things of the past.

¹⁹ “**BEHOLD, I WILL DO SOMETHING NEW,**
Now it will spring forth;
Will you not be aware of it?
I will even make a roadway in the wilderness,
Rivers in the desert.

I am yet to find a person who does not love this verse.

Yes everyone of us who reads the Bible surely at least once claim this verse as a favourite

For me this verse suddenly popped up this morning. I was not thinking about this at all, yet I remembered this verse vividly and then with a skepticism I told the Lord, “Lord whatever new thing are you going to do.”

But more than the new thing the Lord will do tonight or tomorrow, what is heartening in this verse is the promise it holds and the assurance.

The verse starts with a command, “Do not remember the past,”

How passionately we cling on to hurts and losses for ages past. As we grow older it really becomes very difficult to forgive much less forget the past.

But this is the command that our God gives us. Remembering and preserving our past will somehow pull us back from the Promised Land the Lord has prepared for us.

Yes most of us have suffered losses in life. For many life would have been very disappointing, it may have never turned out the way they expected it to be. Whatever it may be, the Lord first commands us to LET GO of the past, LET GO the hurt, the pain, the bitterness.

Most of you may know the story of the lone mountain climber who fell from a very great height. He was hanging in mid air and it was dark already. He prayed for help and he heard a voice asking him to let go the rope. He was not sure he could do that. He held on. The next morning the search party found him hanging dead holding the rope, when he was just two feet from the solid ground.

What a tragedy! How we all wish he could have obeyed. Some may even call him foolish. But most of us are like that too.

We defiantly hold on to the past as though it is our baby. But LET GO and GET HOLD of God's promises for new things to come.

I don't know what new to expect in my life. But I have many things to LET GO in my life. I hold on to so many grievances of how easily people take me for granted when they need me and how quickly they forget.

But it is not about them who forget, but God uses this as a test for me as how I would react to such situations. Nowadays I fail more, but God is still patient with me.

My help comes from the Lord and not from around. Today evening as I was returning from the univ, I had a flat tyre and I drove for a distance without realizing. Then in the highway I parked my vehicle by the side and for a moment I felt so stranded and alone. It was already 6 pm. Then I called up my house owner whose rice mill is on the highway. As soon as I called him, within 5 minutes he sent his own coworkers(he was unable to get a mechanic) in his car to replace my flat tyre. I was not even waiting there for 10 minutes on the road. At 6: 15 I had a replacement and well on my way home.

I was really thanking God for taking care of all little detail and that too from such an unexpected quarter. God demonstrates time and again, it is not about one particular person, but it is about Him and that He will send help from above. When I reached home I realized I left my purse at the university and had not a penny in hand. So had the mechanic had come, I would not have had the money to pay him. God knew this and arranged a known person to come by. What do you call this, if not the love of the Father!

So let us all look forward and GET HOLD of the new thing the Lord has prepared for us and LET GO of the past.

God bless.