

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)*

## **Something New**

**I am doing something new; do you want to see it?** Of course, I want to see what you are doing. Who wouldn't want to see something new that you are doing? Won't the new thing you are doing be easy to spot? Shouldn't the new thing you are doing be readily apparent to me? **You might think so, you might guess so, but you would be wrong.** Why is that? **There are many reasons why people fail to perceive something new that I am doing.** Can you give me examples? Can you help my understanding? Can you give me your wisdom and insight? **Now, there you go. You have asked some great questions. You want understanding and wisdom and insight. You want to see the something new that I am doing. To see the something new I am doing that desire must be in you. Many could care less about what I am doing in the world.** Really, that seems hard to believe. **It's true, many have their focus entirely elsewhere. Their eyes are on the past.** How will that prevent someone from seeing the something new you are doing? **They may be weighed down by the heavy burden of past failures and regrets. They may be living on glory of past accomplishments. They may be stuck in bitterness and unforgiveness over some way that they have been mistreated and hurt by others. For whatever reason, their focus is everywhere, but on me. They are wrapped up tightly in their own little world that revolves entirely around themselves. They are blinded to the something new that I am doing because they are not looking for it.** That's not good. **Now, it is not.**

What must I do so I can see the something new that you are doing? **You must take your focus off yourself. You must let go off the past. Past failures and regrets are forgiven and forgotten. Past hurts are healed. Past accomplishments and achievements are behind you. Turn your focus on to me. Keep your heart and mind and eyes and ears open. Be attentive. Be watching. Be listening. Be expectant. Be looking forward, not backward. Have faith that I am and will be doing a new thing in, for, and through you. Follow me to where I am leading you. Join in on the work I will give you to do for me. My hand is on you. My favor is with you. I will make you able to bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name. I will use you to accomplish my purposes and fulfill my plans.** I will do all that you have asked of me. **That will be very good.** Thank you, Lord.

*Lord, I will let go and forget former things. I will not dwell on the past. I will put all that is not helpful far behind me. I will keep my heart and mind and life focused on you. Where are you leading me? What new thing do you want to do in, for, or through me? Amen*

**Promises***A New Thing*

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

NIV

Isaiah 43:18-19

**Promises***A New Thing*

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. 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.

ESV

Isaiah 43:18-19

**Promises***Something New*

"But forget all that— it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

NLT

Isaiah 43:18-19

**Promises***A New Thing*

"Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.

NKJV

Isaiah 43:18-19

**Promises***A New Thing*

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do 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.

NRSV

Isaiah 43:18-19

**Promises***Something Brand-New*

"Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.

MSG

Isaiah 43:18-19

**Promises***A New Thing*

Do not [earnestly] remember the former things; neither consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know it and will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

AMP

Isaiah 43:18-19

**Promises***A Brand New Thing*

"But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I'm going to do! For I'm going to do a brand new thing. See, I have already begun! Don't you see it? I will make a road through the wilderness of the world for my people to go home, and create rivers for them in the desert!

TLB

Isaiah 43:18-19

**Promises***Something New*

"Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past. "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.

NASB

Isaiah 43:18-19

**Promises***The New Thing*

The LORD says, "Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don't you see it? I will make a road in the desert and rivers in the dry land.

NCV

Isaiah 43:18-19

# A New Thing!

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Promises** – Isaiah 43:18-19

**In Context:** *Read Isaiah 43*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I will let go and forget former things. I will not dwell on the past. I will put all that is not helpful far behind me. I will keep my heart and mind and life focused on you. Where are you leading me? What new thing do you want to do in, for, or through me? Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you had a difficult time forgetting and not dwelling on the past?

What types of situations will hinder your moving forward with the Lord if you keep dwelling on them?

**How do you differentiate between what you should remember and what you should forget?**

**What from your past must you like to let go of and stop dwelling on right now?**

How has the devil used your past against you to try to prevent you from moving forward with the Lord?

When has dwelling on the past clouded your view of the new thing the Lord wanted to show you?

**What new thing is the Lord showing you that He wants to do in, though, or for you right now?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Forget and not dwell on the past so you can see the new thing that the Lord is doing.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to forget and not dwell on the past so you can see the new thing He is doing.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group the new thing the Lord has allowed you to see that He is doing.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you forget and not dwell on the past so you can see the new thing the Lord is doing.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will forget and not dwell on the past so I can see the new thing you are doing.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what new thing do you want me to see that you are doing?*

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