

The New Look

We hear much nowadays about the "new look." Last year women's dress styles changed to the "new look" - but the new dresses still had the same women in them.

The new models of many automobiles are said to have a "new look" - but in a few years this "new look" will be as passé as the Model T and as out-of-date as the hoop skirt.

Years ago we had in government the "New Deal" - but it was really as old as the Roman Empire, for the ideas of the New Deal were used ages ago.

Man is always seeking something new; but the best that he can do is to change environment. He can paint the house, have his wife put on a new dress, buy a new automobile or put on a new \$26.50 tie.

Ages ago Solomon, the preacher, said, "There is no new thing under the sun" (Eccles. 1:9). But with God it is different. Man can put on a new suit, but God can give him a new heart - and that really solves problems. The thing that causes you so much trouble is just yourself. If you could be changed, all would be different.

Christ taught that a man must be born anew, born from Heaven, born again (John 3). The Bible tells us, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17).

God regenerates man when he repents and comes to Christ. That infers that the old man was rotten, and that is the exact truth. Unsaved man is rotten to the core. At the resurrection, saved men will get new, glorified bodies.

And at the second coming of Christ, God will renovate the earth and make the desert blossom as the rose. And after the millennial reign of Christ, God will create a new heaven and a new earth.

Nothing on earth stays new very long; history and the onrush of time soon tarnish it. A new dress isn't new very long; a new car isn't new very long; the "new look" isn't new very long.

But when God makes things new, they stay new-looking.

The street of His new City is paved with gold - no dust there to spoil the spotless purity of even the street. His mercies are new every morning.

-Fred J. Meldau

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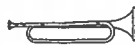
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Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet
and show my people their transgression...
Isa. 58:1



For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound,
who shall prepare himself to the battle?
1 Cor. 14:8

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The Pastor's Paragraph

Well, here we are in 2023. We have never been this far down the road of life. God, however, has already been here since the founding of the world. If God is our personal God, we have nothing to fear. He will be with us as long as we are with Him. Happy New Year. May God bless you in a very special way.

Pastor Cole

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Threshold of the New Year

We are standing on the threshold,
We are in the opened door;
We are treading on a borderland
We have never tread before:
Another year is opening,
And another year is gone -
We have passed the darkness of the night,
We are in the early morn;
We have left the fields behind us.
O'er which we scattered seed;
We pass into the future,
Which none of us can read.
The corn among the weeds,
The stones, the surface mold,
May yield a partial harvest -
We hope for sixty-fold.
Then hasten to fresh labor,
To thresh, and reap, and sow,
Then bid the new year welcome,
And let the old year go -
Then gather all your vigor,
Press forward in the fight,
And let this be your motto -
"For God, and for the Right!"

-Unknown

God's Acre

As I go into a cemetery, I like to think of the time when the dead shall rise from their graves. We read part of this chapter in what we call the 'burial service.' I think it is an unfortunate expression.

Paul never talked of 'burial.' He said the body was sown in corruption, sown in weakness, sown in dishonor, sown a natural body (I Cor. 15).

If I bury a bushel of wheat, I never expect to see it again; but if I sow it, I expect results. Thank God, our friends are not buried; they are only sown!

I like the Saxon name for the cemetery - God's acre."

-D.L. Moody

Sentence Sermons

- Many people date Jesus on Sunday, but are married to the devil during the week.
- Those who leave everything in God's hand will eventually see God's hand in everything.
- Time is precious - make sure you spend it on the right things with the right people.
- If you don't want your kids to drink that, smoke that, take that, say that, watch that, or do that, then don't do those things yourself.
- If you cannot do great things, you can at least do small things in a great way.
- Without the "Bread of Life", you are toast.
- Doing nothing is about the most tiresome work in the world, because you cannot stop and rest.

TRICKY TRIVIA

This Month's Question

What were the names of John the Baptist's parents?

Answer to last month's question.

In last month's "Tricky Trivia" question we asked:

In Matthew 1:21, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, and told him to name the baby "Jesus", which means "Savior". What famous Old Testament character has the same name?

Answer:

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When I Am Old...

*When wistful eyes have grown too dim
To trace the far horizon's rim
And dull ears seldom catch the words
Of loved ones, never hear the birds -
Lord, grant me this: Though flesh shall fail
And music cease and beauty pale,
Withdrawn not Thy supporting arm
But still Thy miracles perform!
As fail the things of sense and flesh,
Creator, fashion me afresh
From Thine eternal loveliness
And clothe me with Thy righteousness!
When these my busy hands grow still,
How sweet to rest within Thy will!
When shadows cloud my earthly sight,
Still glows for me Thy kindly light.
What though my ears hear not the birds?
Ah, lovelier far Thy whispered words!
Lord, all my sunset hours are sweet
When they are spent at Thy dear feet!*

-Martha Snell Nicholson

Are You Ready?

In a hospital a man who was ninety-three years old was asked to receive Christ and become a Christian. "No," he said, "I'm not ready yet." Not ready yet at ninety-three, next morning his bed was empty. He had died. "Not ready yet" had been his usual answer for many years when he was asked to receive Christ as Saviour. It had become a habit, then a fixed principle with him. It was all he could say. How about you? Have you received Christ? Or do you say, - "Not ready yet"?

Happy New Year


Another year is dawning;
Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee;

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face;

Another year of progress;
Another year of praise;
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days;

Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning;
Dear Master, let it be,
On earth or else in Heaven,
Another year for Thee.
-Frances Ridley Havergal



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