**Special New Year Rumination 831 for Jan. 03, 2021 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme:  ***all things are become new.*** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *Therefore if any man be in* ***C****hrist, he is a* ***new******C****reature: old things are passed away;*

 *behold,* ***all things are become new.***II Cor. 5:17

The **T**hots:

Intro.: Two days ago, we welcomed in New Year Day, 2021. *Behold,* ***all things are become new –***

 What are or were these ***new*** ***things*** or experiences**?**

1. **For Noah. it was a New Civilisation. Gen. 8:13 [See #2d below]**
2. The Old **C**ivilisation before the Flood.
3. It was **D**estroyed because of Sin. Gen. 6:5

 *GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth,*

 *and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

1. It was **C**ondemned to **D**estruction by Flood. Gen. 6:6, 7

 *And it repented the LORD that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart.*

 *And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth Me that I have made them.*

1. The New **C**ivilisation after the Flood. Gen. 8:13-17
2. The **D**eluge – *I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights;* Gen. 7:4, 12, 17
3. The **D**estruction*: every living substance that I have made will I* ***D****estroy from off the face of the earth*
4. The **D**ay the waters were **D**ried up…*in the six hundredth and first year,* ***in the first month,***

 ***the first day of the month****, the waters were* ***D****ried up from off the earth.* Gen. 8:13

1. The **D**awn – it was a **New** **D**ay for Noah and his family and the Creatures in the Ark.
2. God’s New **C**ommandment Signalled the **C**ommencement: Gen. 8:17

*Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth,*

1. The New **C**ivilisation*: and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.*
2. God’s New **C**ovenant – Gen. 9:**9**-**13**-17

 *And I, behold, I establish My covenant with you, and with your seed after you;*

 *I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between Me and the earth.*

* However, be **W**arned: God will no more destroy the **W**orld by **W**ater, but He **W**ould do so by Fire.

 cf. II Pet. 3:10

1. **For Israel, it was a New Calendar. Exo. 12:2**

*This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the* ***first month*** *of the year to you*

1. The **P**ast six months **B**efore “*this month”* (i.e., Abib, Ex. 13:4) were wiped out for Israel. Exo. 12:2
2. The **P**assover set up at the **B**eginning of the next six months. Exo. 12: 2

 The 7th month (Abib) of the old civil calendar had become the first month of the new religious calendar.

* + *In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb,* 12:3

 A*nd ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day…and…Israel shall kill it in the evening.* 12:6

* + *And ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.* 12:11

 Cf. *Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.* Jn. 1:29

 *For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:* I Cor. 5:7

* Christ, our Passover, is the **F**oundation of our new life of **F**aith in Him.
1. **For the Christian, He is a New Creation.**
2. Being a **New**ly Born-again **C**hristian, He is a New **C**reation – *if anyone is in* ***C****hrist…* IICor. 5:17, NKJV
3. *He is a* ***new******C****reation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become* ***new.***

*And have put on the* ***new*** *man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him:* Col. 3:10

1. He **Now** is in the **C**hurch taking part in the Lord’s Supper as spelled out in the New **C**ovenant:

 *Likewise…the cup after supper…This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you.*

Lk. 22:20

 Cf. Christ *Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling…* Heb. 12:24

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1. He now has a **New** **S**ong to **S**ing in anticipation of the Hope before him.
2. *And they sung a* ***new*** *song, saying, Thou art worthy…and hast redeemed us to God…* Rev. 5:9
3. *They sung as it were a* ***new*** *song before the throne…and no man could learn that song*

*but the … redeemed from the earth.* Rev. 14:3

1. Cf. *O sing unto the LORD a* ***new*** *song; for he Hath done marvellous things:* Psa. 98:1

Also Psa. 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 144:9; 149:1; Isa. 42:10;

This is the first Lord’s Supper on the First Lord’s Day in the New Year. Let us remember our Lord for His **P**ast Blessings, Bless Him for His **P**resent **P**resence and **P**raise and Worship Him with a New Song in our Hearts.

*There are songs of joy that I loved to sing, When my heart was blithe as a bird in spring,*

*But the song I have learned is so full of cheer, That the dawn shines out in the darkness drear.*

 *O the new, new song! O the new, new song! I can sing it now with the ransomed throng:*

 *Power and dominion to Him that shall reign, Glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain.* Flora L. Best

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R.831**

1. One NEW occupation for the redeemed of the Lord to engage in was to SING!

The Redeemed would include Israel who were redeemed from Egypt by the blood of the Passover Lamb. After the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea, Moses led the redeemed to sing…

1. The first Song ever **R**ecorded in Scripture - the song of Moses. Exo. 15:1

*Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this* ***song*** *unto the LORD…*

*saying, I will* ***sing*** *unto the LORD*

1. And the last song **R**elated in the Bible was the song of Moses and of the Lamb. Rev. 15:3

*They sing the* ***song*** *of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb,*

*saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty… thou King of saints.*

1. In between, the **R**edeemed have a **new** **song** to sing – the Song of **R**edemption:
	1. For Israel of Old redeemed from their Captivity on Earth:

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 Also Psa. 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 144:9; 149:1; Isa. 42:10;

* 1. For the Church Raptured from Earth to Heaven:

*They sung a* ***new******song****…Thou art worthy…and hast redeemed us to God.* Rev. 5:9

* 1. For all the Redeemed from the Earth: Rev. 14:3

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 *but the … redeemed from the earth.*

Are you a Singing Christian? Have you a Song to Sing as you face and experience the varied circumstances in your life in the New Year?

I remember a Sunday School Song that I Sang whenever I faced Challenging Circumstances:

*Singing, Singing, I go Singing, Yes, I am always singing.*

*Christ holds my hand, By Faith I stand;*

*And as the hours are winging,*

*I press along with a cheerful song,*

*Singing, Singing, Singing.*

Have you a redemption song to sing just now to suit your present circumstance? **REFLECT**.

1. As we enter this new year, we are not sure what will befall us. One thing we must be sure.

We need to have a Hope and be sure and steadfast in that hope as we wait for it to be fulfilled in the course of our life time.

Hebrews 6:18-20 – *That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered,*

*even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*

Our hope is in a new **H**eaven and a New Earth – our Present **H**ope and our Future **H**ome.

There is now **R**eserved for us a new heaven and a new earth. Rev. 21:1

*I saw a new heaven and a new earth: For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away.*

Thus for now, we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth promised to us. II Pet. 3:13

*We, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*

 Therefore, for this New Year that has come upon us, Col. 3:1, 2

Let us a) ***S****eek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.*

b)***S****et* (our) *affection on things above, not on things on the earth****.* REFLECT**

***A BLESSED AND FRUITFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU***

*Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be In working or in waiting, another year with Thee.
Another year of progress, another year of praise, Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.*

*Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace, Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast; Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.*

*Another year of service, of witness for Thy love, Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be On earth, or else in Heaven, another year for Thee.*

 [Fran­ces R. Hav­er­gal](http://www.cyberhymnal.org/bio/h/a/v/havergal_fr.htm),

**POINTS TO PONDER**: We are a new Creation to lead a New Normal in Life and Living.