**Rumination 936 - January 01, 2023**

**R. 936 (98) Special New Year Rumination for Jan. 01, 2023**

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 Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;*

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

The **T**hots:

Intro.: Today is New Year Day. This is a special Rumination to welcome in the New Year.

 *Behold,* ***all things are become new –*** what are these ***new*** things**?**

1. **A New Beginning – Israel had a new Beginning, so have we. Exo. 12: 2 cf. II Cor. 5:17**
2. The **P**ast six months **B**efore “*this month”* (i.e. Abib, Ex. 13:4) were wiped out for Israel. Exo. 12:2

 Cf. *old things are passed away* II Cor. 5:17b

1. The **P**assover set up the **B**eginning of the next six months. Exo. 12: 2

The seventh 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. **A New Song – it is the Song of the Redeemed.**
2. The first song **R**ecorded in the Bible was 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. 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. *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;

* 1. *And they sung a* ***new******song****, saying, Thou art worthy…and hast redeemed us to God…* Rev. 5:9
	2. *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. **A New Covenant – it was Sealed in Blood.**
2. The Lord will **M**ake a new Covenant with Israel and Judah in a future day. Heb. 8:8, 13

 *Behold*, *the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a* ***new*** *covenant with… Israel and…Judah:*

 *In that He saith, A* ***new*** *covenant, He hath made the first old.*

1. The Lord Jesus is the **M**ediator of the New Covenant: Heb. 9:15, NIV

He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant*.*

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

1. For now, we keep Him in **M**emory in this new covenant in the cup that we drink. I Cor. 11:25, NIV

 *In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood;*

 *do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

1. **A new Heaven and a New Earth – our Present Hope and our Future Home.**
2. There is now **R**eserved for us a new heaven and a new earth. Rev. 21:1

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

1. Thus, for now, we **R**eview the 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****.***

***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),

**Reflections for the Year R. 936**

* + - 1. *Therefore, if* *any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;*

 *Behold,* ***all things are become new.***

 Is this true of you since you confessed Christ as a Christian?

 Paul had problems with his old self. He said: Rom. 7:18-21

*For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing:*

*for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

*For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.*

*Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.*

*I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.*

 Did you have these problems last year?

 How would you face them this year?

 **R**ead Rom. 6 and 7 to see how Paul overcame them. **REFLECT**

* + - 1. New Year Day is the day known for people to make Resolutions.

Often these are broken not long after they are made.

Still, it may be a good exercise of the mind and perhaps of the heart also,

to know what you would like to be or to accomplish for the Lord this coming year.

What three primary resolutions would you like to make before the Lord

that you hope to accomplish this coming year? **REFLECT.**

* + - 1. Amid the merriment, the fun and the frolic of welcoming in the New Year

all over the world, there exist in many parts of this same so-called “prosperous” planet, abject poverty where some even wonder where their next meal will come from;

neglected young and old who have been left to themselves because of some disastrous and tragic event that had fallen upon them the past year;

the fearful and the frightened facing an uncertain future

and fleeing from the seemingly never-ending conflicts in war-torn countries;

and many other realities of life and living that are contrasted

with the superficial and supercilious temporal prosperity of the world many of us live in. As you step in into this New Year, can you distinguish what is Superficial,

what is Surreal and what is real and Spiritual?

**REFLECT** and choose to live this year for that which is real, lasting and eternal.

**P**oints To **P**onder: **N**ot all things **N**ew are Good and **N**ot all things Old are Bad! (Jer. 6:16)