

U.H.P.C WORSHIP—11/17/19

SERMON TOPIC: "CREATING A NEW THING"

*In order for God to create anything new some old things have to pass away. Let us hear what Scripture has to say about that, for God's Word cannot lie. It must be fulfilled. It cannot return void. So, let us hear some of the statements Jehovah God had to say through prophets like Jeremiah, Isaiah, and David:*

1: "God Himself will be their God...and will dwell with them...God will wipe away every tear from their eyes and there shall be no more death, no more crying and no more pain. For the former things have passed away. Behold I make all things new. ...It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega—The Beginning and the End... The First and the Last. I will give the water of life freely to those who thirst." (Rev. 20: 4-6)

2. "Behold I create a new heaven and a new earth; for behold I create Jerusalem a joy and its people a delight and a rejoicing. ...The former shall not be remembered, so rejoice and be glad forever in what I am creating. ...For there will be no more weeping or crying, no pre-mature dying. Instead there will be longevity, prosperity, success, and peace everywhere. They shall not labor in vain but will enjoy the fruit of their labor. Their offspring also shall be blessed for many generations. When they call, God will answer speedily." (Isaiah 65: 17-24.-Paraphrased)

3. "Surely, I know the plan I have for you—to give you a future and a hope... Not to do you harm. ...When you call Me I will answer your prayer...When you search for me you will find me...if you seek me with all your heart. God will restore lost fortunes and gather those He sent into exile throughout the nations." (Jerem. 29: 11...)

4. In Psalm 126-David wrote: "When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion we were like those who dream. Our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy! The LORD has done great things and we are glad. ...There will be no more weeping, crying, sorrow, or unfruitfulness. ..."

5. Isaiah 12: "--God's anger will be turned away and we shall be comforted. Jehovah is truly our Salvation, strength, and might, so trust in Him and be not afraid. ...Give thanks and proclaim the goodness of the LORD and exalt His name. ...Let Royal Zion shout for Joy for the HOLY ONE is in our midst."

These Scriptures hold out hope for us and help to strengthen our resolve and faith in that we are not alone in the current storms that are brewing. Jehovah God already knew they would come and that they had to come so we will know the season we are in, what we can expect, and how we are to respond.

We sometimes sing the song: "*In His time, in His time, He makes all things beautiful in His time...*" *God's timing is precise. Everything must happen according to God's timing and pre-arranged season.* Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes that for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under the sun. *We serve a God who gives beauty for ashes, brings joy out of sorrow, and turns mourning into dancing, but it happens in God's time.* The Hebrew people had to get to the Promised Land, but in order to get there, they had to flee from Pharaoh, cross the desert, cross the Red Sea, climb over Mt. Sinai, Cross over Jordan River, tear down the walls of Jericho, and fight fearful giants. We would all like to get to the land of milk and honey, but nobody wants to go through the lion's den or face the fiery furnace. YES, God is creating a new thing... a new heaven, and a new earth, a new and joyful Jerusalem, a peaceful

world of prosperity and success. But before we get there, there might be some things we may have to overcome and face. We should recognize the season and the signs of the times Jesus spoke about in Luke 21 saying that the Body of Christ, and the world in general will go through a season of great trials and tribulations, great distress, and confusion, hatred, betrayal, imprisonment, wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, and even death for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Be not afraid but use these as opportunities for witnessing and for testifying. Try not to worry, do not even plan what you will say in defense of yourself, for at the appointed time, Jehovah God will put the right words of wisdom in our mouths so that NOT A HAIR OF OUR HEAD WILL BE LOST and no one will be able to refute what we say by the wisdom of God. So that by our patience we will possess our souls. When others are wondering why you and I can remain calm and “level-headed” in times of chaos and confusion, we can tell them it is because of the promises of God and it is a matter of the fulfillment of prophecy. We can say that God said it would be so, and so it is. Therefore, we know that the Almighty God is in our midst. We shall not be afraid.

WHAT SEASON ARE WE IN RIGHT NOW? Is it similar to what Christ described to His disciples? –YES! YET WE ARE TOLD BY ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, AND DAVID, THAT A BETTER DAY IS COMING WHEN JEHOVAH GOD WILL SAY: “ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!” He will say that the basket of summer fruit is ripe and His righteous justice is about to be made manifest. As for the people of God, Paul tells us in 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 3—not to be weary in doing good. --Continue to live according to the life and teachings of Christ Jesus. Continue to shine as light and to be as salt in the world of sin and darkness. God is depending on His people to turn up their lights a little brighter, and to keep their lamps filled with the oil of the anointing. Remain diligent, faithful, kind, loving, wise, and disciplined. BE SURE THAT GOD IS ABOUT TO STEP IN AND CREATE A NEW AND A BETTER THING OUT OF THIS CHAOS AND CONFUSION HAPPENING IN OUR WORLD. For sure, this cannot remain this way forever, for our God is not dead. Our God is alive and well. THIS WORLD IS HIS CREATION AND THIS IS JUST A SEASON PERCULATING TO BRING ABOUT A MASSIVE CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION BY THE DIVINE HAND OF JEHOVAH OUR GOD.

The LORD has promised good to us and God’s Word and promises cannot fail. They must be fulfilled. I declare that when the cup is full to running over, the LORD Jehovah God of righteous justice will intervene and crush all evil and scatter it like chaff before the wind. THEN THE OLD WILL PASS AWAY AND THE NEW WILL BE BORN. LOST FORTUNES WILL BE RESTORED. JEHOVAH GOD WILL BRING THE ROBBERS, THIEVES, AND PERSECUTORS DOWN BY HIS RIGHTEOUS JUSTICE. The old will have to be wiped out so that the new can come and replace it. WE ARE CURRENTLY LIVING IN A TIME WHEN JUSTICE IS BEING PERVERTED. WE ARE LIVING IN A TIME WHEN NATIONS ARE AGAINST NATIONS, IMMIGRANTS ARE BEING CRUSHED, WHITE NATIONALISM IS RAMPANT, AND THERE IS A BLACK NATIONALISM MOVEMENT CALLING ITSELF—“A.D.O.S.” on the rise. (American Descendants of Slavery--- NY Times NATIONAL—Nov. 09, 2019) These are black folks spreading an anti-Caribbean, and anti-African, sentiment in support of President Trumps policy against immigrants. I have been smelling the stench of that garbage for some time and have been wondering where it is coming from. But while I was upstate at Stony Point for a day of refreshing, I picked up a local news paper and saw this full page spread about the rotten smell of blacks against blacks nationalism in support of the President’s anti-immigrant policies. (Show the News Paper—full page!!!) O-BOY...DO WE NEED A NEW THING TO HAPPEN IN THIS COUNTRY AND AMONG OURSELVES!!!

What many of us do not know is that the father of Dr. M.L.K was from the Caribbean. General Colin Powell is of Caribbean parents. What we don’t seem to know is that Marcus Garvey was the first Civil

Rights Leader who started the **“Back to Africa Movement.”** What many of us don’t realize is that some of us have parents whose descendants were in slavery wherever they were dropped off. Therefore, we ourselves are descendants of those slaves who came here and gave life and birth to some of us. What some of us don’t know is that **united we stand but divided we fall.** And I want to ask the question: **“WHAT IS IT THAT THE A.D.O.S. people DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THAT THE IMMIGRANTS CAME HERE AND TOOK FROM THEM IF THEY WANTED IT? --- HOW WILL IT HELP THEM TO DENY OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITIES THEY REFUSE TO USE. MANY HAVE COME HERE AND WORKED AS HOUSE CLEANERS, CLEANING THE SICK, AND LIVING IN SUB-STANDARD HOUSING, TO SURVIVE. Like any other immigrant they have seized opportunities, worked hard, and by the help of God, have lifted themselves out of poverty. ARE SOME OF US NOW LOOKING TO BECOME SLAVER OWNERS OF OUR CARIBBEAN AND AFRICAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS? YET THESE SO CALLED A.D.O.S. people are actually wearing a Cross, and holding hands in a circle of prayer to the Almighty God of Deliverance and Liberty, to help them cut their own throats. As a black person, I am very disappointed to know that the black race is still so easily led to their own destruction.**

YES, GOD IS DOING A NEW THING AND CREATING A NEW CREATION WHEN HE WILL WIPE AWAY ALL THE TEARS OF THE OPPRESSED, THE DISENFRANCHISED, THE PAIN AND SUFFERING OF MANY. First, I want to ask the Creator to heal our minds and to give us wise thoughts. **The old mindset will have to die first. Then our God shall bring forth wisdom, comfort, peace, success, longevity, and prosperity, a bright future and a hope for all who remain faithful and true, who fled from the enslavement of sin in Egypt or anywhere else, who stayed the course through the dessert, who crossed their Red Sea, traveled by their banana boat, or jet planes, climbed their Mt. Sinai, broke down their walls of Jericho, resisted and overcame the giants of poverty, rejection, discouragement, dominion and powers of darkness... THESE SHALL SEE THE NEW JERUSALEM COMING DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN. THEY SHALL REJOICE WITH JOY AND GLADNESS, FOR A NEW THING IS ON THE HORIZON AND IT IS FOR THE FAITHFUL AND TRUE. IT IS FOR THE DILIGENT WHO ENDURE TO THE END. GOD WILL HEAR OUR PRAYERS SPEEDILY AND CRUSH THE HEAD OF THE EVIL ONE. OUR GOD IS NOT UNJUST TO LET OUR LABOR GO IN VAIN. BUT WILL LET US ENJOY THE FRUIT OF OUR LABOR. JUST BE STILL, STAND FIRM, RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE FROM US. REMEMBER THE SEEDS WE SOW WILL GROW FOR GOOD OR FOR EVIL. THE SNARE THEY SET IS LIKELY TO CATCH THOSE WHO SET THEM. MAY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST JESUS PREVAIL AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS OF THE WICKED AND DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE ENEMY/ SATAN WHO CAME TO KILL TO STEAL AND TO DESTROY, BUT JESUS CHRIST CAME TO GIVE LIFE AND TO GIVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY. MAY THE FAVOR OF GOD BE RESTORED TO THE FAITHFUL WHO ENDURE TO THE END!**

Are we ready for the new life, the new heaven, the new earth, and the new Jerusalem? THEN LET US TRUST IN THE LORD OUR GOD AND WAIT, FOR THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES TELL US THAT THE SEASON OF JOY AND REJOICING IS NEAR. Let us be alert and be watchful to reject any such talk about turning against one another in order to benefit those who enslaved us in the first place. **“Nip all such talk in the bud and dismantle it.”** Cut it off at the root and never let it rise up to divide us. See it for what it is and kill it before it spreads its ugly message. Then let God arise and let God’s enemies be scattered. Then one day, according to Dr. King, we shall overcome. We shall see victory. For evil cannot overcome good, nor can darkness overcome light.

I pray Jehovah God in Trinity to bring forth His Kingdom on earth, for we are tired of the old stuff. We are hungry and thirsty for the New Creation to burst forth with power. May God open the windows of

heaven and pour out justice and righteousness, healing, peace, love, mercy wisdom and joy upon the poor, the oppressed, the weak, and the disenfranchised. LET THE OLD PASS AWAY NOW, O JEHOVAH OUR GOD! WE ARE READY TO RECEIVE AND TO EMBRACE THE NEW. Let it happen now we ask. We trust that this is the time we have been waiting for. We hope that this is Your time for action.

In the name of Christ Jesus. AMEN.

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