

NEW BEGINNINGS

Ecclesiastes Chapter Three

Introduction

The trees have lost their leaves only to stay dormant for a while. New beginnings will soon start. New leaves deep in the tree's heart will start to show and by summer the new leaves will be on the trees to bless us once again. Have you been feeling that way this past year? Have you felt you too were losing leaves, parts of your life falling to the ground? I have.

God's Word tells us there is a time for each season. And so it is in our own lives. Things and people, we never wanted to leave, have passed from our sight. Only through God's love and grace and mercy can we find new beginnings. I have found this to be so.

My prayer

My prayer for you this is that you would look forward to the new thing God has for you. Deep within your heart, new beginnings will start to form. Can't you feel it? Don't you know God loves you? He said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

God has you in the palm of His hand. Sometimes we are so overwhelmed with fear, and doubt that the concerns for everyday overwhelm us and keep us in the flesh. But, wait stop! Don't you know that we need to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh? God wants us to be blessed. He knows our every fear and every hurt. Can't you see, He is the one that is there?

So what if we put on some weight and ate too much till our tummy aches?

There is always a new beginning with God. He says, He will direct our paths. God is a lamp unto our feet. He is our Shepherd.

So what if the car broke down? Didn't God say He would supply all our needs?

God can give you a fresh love to share. God can take away your every care. So let's stop all the fuss. Kiss your wife or husband, or kiss the face of God and let's get to praying and seeking God first. Didn't He say in His Word, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these other things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33) If you don't seek God first, how can anything else fall into place properly?

I don't know about you but as for me, I'm thanking the Lord everyday for restoring me. I'm looking for His hand in my life. Those new leaves that are beginning to form for my springtime and summer, so that I can go on and be beautiful in His sight and to others that pass my way. What about you? I come from the Bronx, New York.....so in my way of speaking, I would put it this way,

"Do you have enough nerve to trust God? Do you have the guts to go on and let God make a difference in your life? So, stop sitting around and feeling all sad inside and saying I can't do it. Of course not, but with God, All Things Are Possible. Just seek His direction and stick to it. There are others just waiting for you...Husbands waiting for that hug or wives waiting for that touch...Children longing for you to smile, puppy dogs and kitty cats needing you attention...And if you are single, so what? ... Seek God. He will provide for you in all you do. If you put Him first, you will be able to feel the love of God."

So what do you say, my Christian friends? Let's go on and be the best we can be. Let's pick ourselves up, dust our selves off, and go on with God and.. **Shine!....Shine!....Shine!**

Don't go away just yet. I want you to read "**Arise & Shine**" by Sheila Taylor Means. It will bless you, I am sure.

ARISE AND SHINE

Father God, as I arise from my slumber,
I stretch my arms out to Thee,
for no other help I know.
This is the day that You have made;
I arise and I am glad in it.

My shower is the cleansing blood of Jesus.
I sit down for breakfast;
I thank Thee, Father, for the fruit of the Spirit,
and that you fill my mouth with good things,
so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Now, Heavenly Father, I go to my prayer closet;
I put on the whole armor of God
that will prepare me for battle.
As I go out of the door, behold!
There stands Goodness and Mercy,
ready to follow me all the days of my life.

Purposeful, I clutch Your agenda,
determined that Thy will be done.
Rejoicing, I sing Your praises,
covered by the shadow of Thy wings.

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Until next time,
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