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Make Room for God's New Thoughts

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"This book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shall meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein. For then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Joshua 1:8)

The Word says that as we think in our hearts, so are we. "For as he (a man) thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7)

When the Lord wants to do a new thing in our lives, he first has to change the way we think and talk. And we, of course, have to cooperate with him. *"For we are labourers together with God."* (1 Corinthians 3:9)

This is what happened in Abram and Sara's life, he became Abraham and she became Sarah. *Their thinking, speech, and self image was changed, before their lives could change.*

The Lord will quicken a Word to us and Faith comes, but we have to feed that Faith with reaffirming thought and words so that it can grow, and become reality. (Romans 10:17)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth. (Isaiah 43:18-19)

Something old has to give place to something new. The old thoughts are no longer valid because God wants something new to happen.

Thinking in stereotypes can sometimes hinder God's thoughts to take root in our spirits. Religious thinking is a prime example of just that. One is asking for the blessing of the Lord, without being willing to change or adjust.

The Lord wants new wine skin (thoughts) for the new wine. (Matthew 9:17)

I have heard people asking the Lord to send revival, and when he does, they are offended when something unexpected happens, and then the revival stops. *They would not adjust to the new thing God was doing, and therefore it eluded them.*

In the case of the religious leaders in the day of Jesus, this is what hindered them the most: *Their stereotypical religious thinking, that made the Word of none effect.*

It is still the same challenge today. The older humans get, the more they are prone to think in stereotypes, because of what their years of experience have taught them about life. Experience is of course a valuable thing to have, as long as it does not stop new and creative thinking from God.

God wants to do something new and exciting, but first we will have to check and judge our lives in light of scripture (2 Corinthians 13:5), so that the blessings of heaven will be fully shown, to a world bound by sin and suffering.

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