

# New Things For the New Year

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**Introduction:** The Bible is a book that talks about “new things.” The word “new” is mentioned 150 times in the Bible, while the word “old” is referred to 380 times. God makes that which is “new” possible to me and to you. In light of what God did to the earth in Genesis through His creative acts, we know He can bring about “new things” for us today in this generation. Let’s look at a few of the “new things” that are in the Word of God.

## I. A NEW SONG - PSALM 33:3; 40:3

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The songs of the world are full of music about drugs, alcohol, illicit sex, and a host of other undesirable things. Even with all of his partying and reveling, there is no sadder person in the world than the lost sinner. If anyone will repent and believe, God will give them a new song. It will have a different content than that which the world has to offer. You may be sad because of sin, but the Lord can give a song through His divine righteousness.

## II. NEW MERCIES - LAM. 3:22-23

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God in His mercy spared a remnant of Judah, protected and blessed them during their years of captivity, and then permitted them to return to their land once again. He enabled them to rebuild their city and temple; He protected them from heathen nations that hated the Jews. How merciful God was to His people. How merciful He is to us today. It is His great mercy that holds back what you and I deserve. God gave a fresh supply of loyal love to His covenant people, so will He do for us? His mercies are like the manna in the O.T. that could not be exhausted.

## III. A NEW HEART - EZEK. 18:31

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Israel was told to get a new heart by repenting of sin and turning unto the Lord. The heart man is born with is deceitful and desperately wicked.

## IV. NEW CREATURES - 2 COR. 5:17

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One is never the same when he or she meets the Lord in salvation and 11.1. forgiveness. Peter says we are partakers of the divine nature ( 2 Pet. 1:4).

## V. A NEW CITY - Jn. 14:1-3/Rev. 21

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A beautiful, heavenly mansion awaits all of God’s redeemed. It is ready now!