

It's a New Day (Ecclesiastes 7:8)

INTRODUCTION

In 79AD Mount Vesuvius erupted and obliterated two Roman cities, Pompeii and Herculaneum, killing most of the inhabitants and permanently altering the landscape around them. Those who survived then lived in a world that would never be the same.

In 1350 the Black Death pandemic caused the death of one-third of the world population, this second large outbreak of the bubonic plague possibly started in Asia and moved west in caravans eventually impacting the entire world.

In both instances, God preserved humankind and replenished the earth...yet life was never the same. Our faith in God assures us that He will also bring man through the current crisis. Our challenge is to move forward in the will and guidance of God while refraining from the temptation to try to restore the past—complete with sin, ritualism, apathy, routine, and lack of spirituality.

In disaster, many a Christian quickly proclaim, “God is trying to tell us something.” My inquiry to us is, “Do we hear Him and make correction or do we quickly return to life as usual?”

We can be comforted in knowing that where God is taking us to is better than where He brought us from.

Faith is Believing Before Revelation

“*The end of a thing is better than its beginning*” challenges us to trust that God has something better than what we are familiar with...on this side! We’ve become comfortable in a

corrupt environment and accepted wrong as the norm. Our eyes have become our primary source of judgment causing our spirits to suffer. A glimpse and we've already analyzed and formed an opinion.

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For My thoughts *are not* your thoughts, Nor *are your* ways My ways," says the Lord. We must refrain from quickly judging what God is up to. Instead we ought assess the man or the woman in the mirror.

Embrace this opportunity to do a spiritual self examination. Praise God as you see Him moving you from your yesterday to your tomorrow. Hallelujah!

The world will not be the same after this virus subsides, but like Mt Vesuvius and the Black Death along with countless other disasters, God will make our end better than our beginning. Believe it even though you can't see it...yet!

Jeremiah 16:14-15 says "Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "that it shall no more be said, 'The Lord who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,'¹⁵ but, 'The Lord who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and out of all the countries where He had driven them.' For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.

I see a new vision and new testimony for a renewed people who believe and trust in God! Hallelujah! Now keep reading and you will find they still had to endure the penalty of sin before receiving the promise, but it didn't hinder the promise!
So with humility and gratitude we wait for God's plan to unfold.

2. Speak Life into Your New Day

“The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.”

A new day is here, God decided that! We must not stress about the new environment, lose our cool, nor utter language sounding like the world and displeasing to God. Relax, our Father is blessing us forward! Another chance...a new chance...a golden opportunity for Him to get the glory for our lives. Have faith!

We love to say Job had patience, yet in Job 7:11 he said, “...I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.”

Personally, I would rather allow the words of Jesus to fill my spirit, reside on my tongue, and govern my life *from Luke 21:19*

“By your patience possess your souls.” - NKJV
or “By standing firm, you will win your souls.” – NLT

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