

The Promise Before You

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"When you walk with God, the promise before you is always greater than the pain behind you." These words were written by Bob Gass in a recent "Word for Today," a daily devotional from UCB which I consistently find stimulating and inspiring.

We have started a New Year with all its potential and promise. It can be like opening up a new notebook which has never been used and contains no spoiled pages or messy writing. However, it can be so dominated by past failures and present disappointments, that the future is already marred before it has begun.

While meditating on the opening statement I thought about the verses in Revelation 21:3-4 which say, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes." Although these verses are prophetic of our final destination in heaven, I believe they can be promise for today.

As we enter a New Year God has promised to be with you, he wants to make you His dwelling place ! To live within you, to fill you with His love and power, and by his Holy Spirit to empower you to do His will. I find that encouraging and exciting.

To return to my analogy of the new notebook, the passage in Revelation continues, "He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Again, I believe this is a promise for today; it does not matter what has happened in the past, God always wants to give us a fresh start. The Lord says, "I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." (Jer. 31:34)

So as we enter a New Year, remember that God is your Father and wants to have his dwelling place in your heart. God is the One who wipes every tear from your eyes, he is the one who comforts and heals the pain of the past. God is the One who makes everything new, He will give you a new beginning, he will open a new chapter before you.

He wants to give you the very best year that is possible for you.

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