

Now I Understand – Bible Study Lesson

Isaiah 43:19-21(NASB)

19 “Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert.

20 “The beasts of the field will glorify Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I have given waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My chosen people.

21 “The people whom I formed for Myself Will declare My praise.

Replenish: to make full or complete again, by supplying what is lacking.

Replenish: to be restored spiritually, physically, and emotionally to God’s original intent through proper nourishment and consistent time in His presence.

In the scriptures we just read, God is giving an encouraging epilogue of His plans for us as His children. He even gives the urgency of His plan, when He declares **NOW** it shall spring forth. God is saying, “I’m going to replenish even the dry places in your life, so you can declare praises to Me and bring Me glory. When we get a revelation and arrive at clarity of what God wants, from us, we can declare: **Now I understand.**

Luke 22:31-32 (NASB)

31 “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat;

32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

Someone said, the definition of insanity is doing the same things over and over, expecting different results. If we are to be replenished and remade

into what God has planned, it will require our ability to stretch enough to hold what He has for us, so we can then pour out on others. Jesus was telling Peter, “When you change, I can really use you.” **IN ORDER TO BE WHO GOD CALLED US TO BE WE MUST CHANGE.**

1. **Now I understand replenishment requires a willingness to change.**

Daniel 11:32 (KJV)

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

God is the potter. We are the clay. After many attempts, we finally realize that can't we can't change ourselves. We must return to the one who wrote the end at the beginning. When we get closer to the writer, He writes His Word in our hearts. It comes out of our mouths. And it is manifested in our lives. **THE OLD ME KNEW ABOUT HIM. THE NEW ME KNOWS HIM!!!**

2. **Now I understand replenishment means recognizing the source of change.**

Luke 14:26 (NASB)

26 “If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

The Bible is clear. God is a Jealous God. He knows the things we have put in His place. Gone are the days when we can put our relationships, jobs, and even our children in God's place. **Jesus reminded the disciples that no one has given up houses, things, or people that shall not get it all back now in this life and in the future! THE OLD ME LOOKED AT THE COSTS. THE NEW ME SEES THE VALUE!**

3. **Now I understand replenishment understands the price of change.**

Daniel 3:27 (NASB)

27 The satraps, the prefects, the governors and the king's high officials gathered around and saw in regard to these men that the fire had no effect on the bodies of these men nor was the hair of their head singed, nor were their trousers damaged, nor had the smell of fire even come upon them.

There is usually a process of purification that removes impurities. Whether it's water, food, or even jewelry, there is a process for making it safe for consumption. If it doesn't go through the firing process, it can never be purified. We do people a disservice by letting them think they can skip the process. **THE OLD ME WOULD FALL APART FROM THIS. THE NEW ME IS EXCITED FOR THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS!**

4. Now I understand replenishment comprehends the process of change.

Genesis 35:10 (NASB)

10 God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; You shall no longer be called Jacob, But Israel shall be your name."

God has a promise attached to the process we're in right now. Many of us have allowed our process to overshadow our promise because we don't understand our purpose. God never does anything without purpose. The late Dr. Myles Monroe said, "When the purpose of a thing is not understood, abuse is inevitable. **THE OLD ME CAME IN ONE WAY. THE NEW ME WENT OUT ANOTHER WAY BECAUSE OF PURPOSE.**

5. Now I understand replenishment means discerning the purpose of change.

When we are replenished, we get a revelation and arrive at the clarity of what God wants from us and can declare: **Now I understand.**