

Nothing New Under the Sun

Ultimately, a real understanding of history means that we face NOTHING new under the sun.

~James Mattis

This is all so new to us. I mean we are in a pandemic! We are all in lockdown to avoid transmitting or acquiring this scary virus. Surely no one has ever experienced anything like this before...

“People don’t remember what happened long ago, and in the future people will not remember what happens now. Even later, other people will not remember what was done before them.”

Ecclesiastes 1:11 NCV

Who would have ever thought a few short months ago that we would all be at home, no school, no work, no socializing, No hugging, not even cutting our hair...

“There is a time to throw away stones and a time to gather them. There is a time to hug and a time not to hug.”

Ecclesiastes 3:5 NCV

But it’s actually not new, there have been many plagues and pandemics over the history of the world. The last really big one like this was probably the Spanish Flu of 1918 where 500 million people were infected and 20% of those succumb to the illness...

“People live, and people die, but the earth continues forever.”

Ecclesiastes 1:4 NCV

There were even pandemics before Jesus walked the earth. There was a plague in Athens that circulated for 5 years and started in 430 BC. More than 100 000 people lost their lives...

“There is a time to be born and a time to die. There is a time to plant and a time to pull up plants.”

Ecclesiastes 3:2 NCV

So to think we are facing something new is not true at all. New to us and our generation, Yes, But not new to other generations who went before us and definitely Not new to God...

History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. Nothing under the sun is truly new.”

Ecclesiastes 1:9 NLT

God is most definitely in a “been there-done that” frame of mind right now. He most definitely is on His Throne and in Control just like He was during every other pandemic in history...

“God is King over the nations. God sits on his holy throne.”

Psalms 47:8 NCV

God is walking alongside everyone of His Children right now, just like He was through every other generation in the past. He has been there for us since the beginning of time and he will be there for us until the end...

“Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. Don’t be afraid, because the LORD your God will be with you everywhere you go.””

Joshua 1:9 NCV

He knows every step of our lives from our first cry to our final breath. He sees it all and He is there...

“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.”

Psalms 139:16 NLT

So what we may be facing right now may be new and scary to us, but we can rest assured that it's nothing Gods Children haven't already faced before us AND God faces With us...

“Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10 NLT

My prayer for us today is that we lean on God for strength as we realize there truly is nothing new under the sun to God. May we understand that He has seen this all before and He is in control. May we always remember that He is there for us AND with us every step of the way...

“God is a safe place to hide, ready to help when we need him. We stand fearless at the cliff-edge of doom, courageous in seastorm and earthquake, Before the rush and roar of oceans, the tremors that shift mountains. Jacob-wrestling God fights for us, GOD -of-Angel-Armies protects us.”

Psalms 46:1-3 MSG

Amen