

SEE IT

Revelation 21:5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." (NKJV)

OBEY IT

We can learn three lessons from today's text.

1. The One who speaks is seated on the throne. The throne is a position of authority which means that anyone who speaks *from* that position *possess* authority. The words that follow aren't merely a good idea or a possibility. Moreover, God sits on the throne—his words will become actions because he has the power and right to make it so. Believe in God's authority.

2. God makes all things new. As I reflect on the death of a friend's father and on another friend whose house sustained severe fire damage, I'm reminded that life is unpredictable and that "new" is what we desperately need. God will create again. Everything will get a new start. And this is not only a future plan but also a present reality. God continually makes things new. This is the Gospel. This is love. Believe in God as Creator.

3. God doesn't lie. Sometimes it's easy to believe that since there are many corrupt leaders out there, sitting in seats of authority but not doing the good they promised, there's no guarantee that God will actually do what he said. But God doesn't lie. As confusing as life can be, God has always been faithful. No, he doesn't always provide answers that we think make sense—that is true. Yet God has proven to be steadfast in the midst of our confusion—he still wants to save us, which is why he gives us one opportunity after another to embrace his love. Believe in God's faithfulness. Share your stories of God's creative power with others. Let them know of the new things God has done in your life. This will strengthen someone else's walk and will serve as a wonderful reminder to you during those moments when your faith is weak.

SHARE IT

1. Put up anonymous, encouraging post-it notes for strangers to find.
2. Donate blood.
3. Cook dinner for a busy parent.

My Prayer Today: For those who are anxious for God to create something new

I pray today that God will send reminders of his faithfulness and that we will trust God's plans and creative power to bring renewal and revival to our churches and communities. Amen.

My Thoughts _____

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Mathew 8:5 When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, ⁶"Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain."⁷ Jesus said, "I will come and heal him."⁸ But the officer said, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed.

OBEY IT

There are three principles we can learn today:

- 1. The words of Jesus have the same power as His presence.** We do not have the physical presence of Jesus among us now, but we have His Word. When we claim the promises of Jesus in our lives, we see the same power working in us that we would have if Jesus were physically present.
- 2. Our faith is demonstrated by the way we speak.** As we saw the faith of the centurion by the way he talked, other people are going to see our faith by how we express ourselves. In this season of service, people will be watching us. What will they hear? The people in our communities are looking for people that speak the truth, with love. Do you?
- 3. Words without power are not effective.** One of the texts today taught us that words must be accompanied by power. That means not just talking. While words reveal our faith, actions confirm our faith. We are to put our faith into action! Who do you know that talks a lot but does little? How annoying is that! Let the words of our mouths be accompanied with actions from our hands.

SHARE IT

1. Give a little one a lollipop.
2. Make time.
3. Speak gently.

My Prayer Today:

Lord Jesus, let the words that I speak to other people reflect your work in my life. Amen.

My Thoughts _____