

EVERYTHING OLD HAS PASSED AWAY

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Our God is ever fresh and ever new. Each day he wants to do new things in our life. That is why Lam. 3:22-23 assert, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning”. So why should we go on worrying about the past incidents and experiences? Today what many people say are the distressing stories of the buried past with its wounding experiences and the horrible memories of the past iniquities that go on fermenting, fomenting and tormenting their uneasy, guilty conscience. Why do we lease our entire life for the cruel jokes of the lost moments of the dead and buried past? What sin is there which the Lord won't forgive if one approaches him with a contrite and repentant heart? What unhealing wound can be in the heart if we pardon our transgressors sincerely? Remember that yesterday's life experiences have passed away. Your today's life should be for golden dreams that would become realities at some auspicious moments of tomorrow (Rev 21:1). The control of even that is in the merciful hands of the Lord. Don't you see the golden rainbow leading you to the shores of healing, and hear the echoes of the Word reverberating as solacing waves after the drenching clouds of calamitous catastrophes of your past life? You can rest assured that your lost dreams, relationships and virtuous life are still within reach. **“See, I am making all things new”** (Rev. 21:5). As we are becoming new creatures each moment in the invisible shadows of the Nazarene (2 Cor 5:17), we also must be ready to return fresh feelings of love to him. Standing on the sands of the Sea of

Tiberius made wet by the sweat and tears of wasted efforts, Jesus also demanded new fish. Let us discard the decaying old things into the vaulted sepulcher of time and sitting before the presence of the solacing Nazarene let us make bold to say with folded hands and renewed zeal, "God, my love for you and others, and even myself, is new." The gem of life becomes all the more glittering in the moonlight of a new beginning. Remember the words of the Master, **"No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made"** (Mt 9:16). Aren't our lives meant to shine and glisten in the lively colours of newness?" **Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"** (2 Cor. 5:17).