

What is New about the
New Year?



- When the past or present seems so broken that its shards seem to reach well into the future, new days are often filled more with fear than with promise. I remember a time myself when I could see the end of a difficult situation, but I could not see a beginning unmarred by the residue of the past. *Jill Carattini, Managing Editor of A Slice of Infinity.*



Lamentations 3

- ¹⁹ I remember how I suffered and wandered.
I remember how bitter my life was.
²⁰ I remember it very well.
My spirit is very sad deep down inside me.



- ²¹ But here is something else I remember.
And it gives me hope.
- ²² The LORD loves us very much.
So we haven't been completely destroyed.
His loving concern never fails.
- ²³ His great love is new every morning.
LORD, how faithful you are!
- ²⁴ I say to myself,
"The LORD is everything I will ever need.
So I will put my hope in him."



Psalm 103



- ⁸ The LORD is tender and kind. He is gracious.
He is slow to get angry. He is full of love.
- ⁹ He won't keep bringing charges against us.
He won't stay angry with us forever.
- ¹⁰ He doesn't punish us for our sins as much as we should be punished.
He doesn't pay us back in keeping with the evil things we've done.
- ¹¹ His love for those who have respect for him
is as high as the heavens are above the earth.
- ¹² He has removed our lawless acts from us
as far as the east is from the west.
- ¹³ A father is tender and kind to his children.
In the same way, the LORD is tender and kind
to those who have respect for him.

Isaiah 1

- ¹⁸ “Come. Let us talk some more about this matter,” says the LORD.
“Even though your sins are bright red, they will be as white as snow.
Even though they are deep red, they will be white like wool.”



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