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I. Endings And New Beginnings

A. Many desire new beginnings in the upcoming new year.

1. Cannot have beginnings without endings.

B. Life principle

1. **Philippians 3:12-14** – Let go of what lies behind and press on.

2. **Hebrews 11:15** – If they had been thinking on the past, they would have found constant opportunity to return to it.

C. Letting go requires you to:

1. Stop talking about it.

2. Stop complaining about it.

3. Stop murmuring, grumbling, and faultfinding.

**CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCE REQUIRES
CHANGE IN BEHAVIOR.**

II. Wilderness Mentality

A. **Deuteronomy 1:2** – It took FORTY years for an eleven-day trip!

1. Change in behavior is required.

- B. **Deuteronomy 1:6** – You’ve been on this mountain long enough.
- C. Wilderness mentality of complaining
 - 1. **I Corinthians 10:9-11**
 - 2. **Numbers 21:5**
 - 3. **Numbers 14:1-4**
- D. **When I shut up complaining, I shut up the devil.**
 - 1. Shut up = Don’t let it out.
- E. Israelites “complained and remained” – Jesus “praised and was raised.”

III. Praise

- A. **Praise** (defined) – A narration or a tale; to tell a story, giving account of genuine facts in one’s life that give glory to God.
 - 1. To confess
 - 2. Virtue – excellence – power (all come from the same Greek word *aretê*)

I Samuel: Chapter 17 – David and Goliath:
David talked about victories – not problems.
- B. *Come Away My Beloved* by Frances J. Roberts (1970)
 - 1. “Dynamos of Praise”
 - 2. “Joy through Praise”
 - 3. Exalt the Word above the circumstance.
- C. Praise is spiritual warfare.

1. **Psalm 18:3** – *I will call upon the Lord, Who is to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.*
2. The Word, the Name, and the Blood
(Read **Psalm 70** and **71**.)
3. Preaching, praying, and praising – Praising is confessing.
Psalm 34:1 – *I will bless the Lord at all times . . .*
4. **Revelation 12:11** (KJV) – *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony . . .*

D. **Isaiah 6:1-9** – Lips cleansed before being sent

1. Get rid of mixture.
2. **Malachi 2:5-7** – Priest’s lips should keep pure the knowledge of God’s Word.
3. Get our lips on the altar

IV. Praise Embarrasses The Devil And Shuts Him Up.

- A. Example: When complainers are confronted by someone reminding them of how blessed they are, they become embarrassed and shut up.
- B. **Luke 4:1-13** – Jesus in the desert said, “It is written.”
 1. He exalted the Word.
- C. Strength in praise
 1. **Romans 4:18-20** – Abraham is attacked by doubt and unbelief.
 2. He grew strong as He gave praise and glory to God.

3. He made the devil shut up!

D. **Isaiah 61:3** – Praise is a garment.

1. Without your clothes on, you get locked up.

E. **Psalm 22:3** – God inhabits our praises.

1. Are you lacking God’s presence?

2. Are you complaining or praising?

F. Praise releases angels to work for you

1. **Psalm 103:20** – *Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His commandments, hearkening to the voice of His word.*

2. All over the Bible, we see angels involved in spiritual warfare and praise!

V. **Temptation To Complain Will Come.**

A. At Christmas, I was tempted to complain.

B. **Psalm 50:23** – *He who brings an offering of praise and thanksgiving honors and glorifies Me; and he who orders his way aright [who prepares the way that I may show him], to him I will demonstrate the salvation of God.*

1. Our conversation and our way are the same.

2. You order your conversation, and God will demonstrate His salvation.

C. Remember, you can’t live in the Promised Land and behave like a desert rat!

“COMPLAIN AND REMAIN – PRAISE AND BE RAISED”

