



June 19

Passage: Isaiah 65

Welcome back! It's a new day! *New* is a key word that we are going to check out this morning in our devotion!

Before we jump into our time in the Word, spend some time in prayer with the Lord. Ask him to help you find comfort and encouragement today in the hope that Jesus brings for our futures!

READ & DIG. Read Isaiah 65:17-25 (underline and thing that sticks out to you!)

GOD IS CREATING...

In this section of Isaiah, the book ends on one of the highest notes you could possibly imagine... perfection. Here we find in v17 that God will create *New Heavens and a New Earth!* This work God is doing is talked about here in the Old Testament, but we also find it in the New Testament. God himself says in Revelation 21:5, *Behold I am making all things NEW.* We like new don't we... new phone, new car, new friend, new restaurant, new clothes... But God isn't doing this because he just wants something new, there needs to be something new, doesn't there? This world is broken, things are not the way they should be. This is exactly what God is going to do - renew, redeem all things!

PERFECT PEACE...

The one thing that is missing from this world is peace. Turn on the tv, go home, go to school, go to the store... there is one thing you won't find - perfect peace. Because of the Fall that happened in Genesis 3 the world has the stamp of sin on it... Sin has ruined everything. However, God is doing a work that started in Genesis 3 and will be complete in the New Heavens and New Earth. And what will we fully and finally find there? Peace. Just read v19-25 again. The worries, the dangers and the brokenness of this world will be washed away. John says in Revelation 21:4-5, *"[God] will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."* And he who was seated on the throne said, *"Behold, I am making all things new."* This is what we have to look forward to if we are in Christ!

GLADNESS AND REJOICING FOREVER...

V18 helps us see what God is doing is a great thing! He says but *be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create!* The newness God is bringing in is to be a joy to his people! We should rejoice not only then, but also now. If we truly believe God's Word is true, then we can find comfort now! In the brokenness and in the difficulty of this world, knowing that God is making all things right drives us to hope today!

Apply & GO

- **Trust the Creator and not self or circumstance...** Often we trust ourselves, don't we? This passage is a reminder that God is in control, he's got it - trust him!
- **Be peacemakers now...** It's clear our world isn't at peace. But we have the message of peace... we should be peacemakers!
- **Rejoice, be glad, praise...** God is... God! Praise him for who he is and what he is doing!