

# Daily Devotional by Dr. Gloria P. Holmes

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## "Gateway to God's Glory in the Midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic"

### "A NEW THING"

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it. I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."* Isaiah 43:19

This coronavirus is a new thing that God has allowed to occur. Usually, we tend to like new things such as new clothes or meeting new people, but this disease is a new thing we do not like. Nevertheless, God specializes in doing new things and there is purpose in everything He does, whether it is His perfect will or His permissive will. This virus falls in the realm of His permissive rather than His perfect will. How do we know this? Because the Holy Bible clearly contains numerous scriptures telling us what God desires for all His people. For example, 3 John 1: 2 ***"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in good health, even as thy soul prospers."*** A great portion of Jesus' ministry was related to healing sick people with all kinds of illnesses and diseases. To one of the ten lepers in St. Luke 17:19, Jesus said: ***"And He says unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole."*** "Your faith has made you whole," Jesus said to the woman with an issue of blood in St. Mark 5:34: ***"And He said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made the whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."*** Yes, there is no question about God's perfect will for our lives. St. John 10:10 informs us: ***"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."*** Thus, when God permits something like this virus to occur, it will be used to accomplish some great purpose in His divine plan.

God does many new things that are good for us, and everything He allows is designed to draw us closer to Him. ***"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."*** (Romans 8:28) When Paul had a thorn in his flesh which he asked God to remove at least three times, God responded: ***"My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness."*** Paul then shares his amazing response and attitude toward God's answer to him. ***"Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*** (2 Corinthians 12:9) Wow! What faith! I read Isaiah 43 with my daily meditations. Many Christians like to quote the first part of our verse for today, ***"God is doing a new thing."*** But God gives us a wonderful glimpse into His purpose. Whatever new thing He does, He is making a way through it. Enjoy reading this verse out loud; listen carefully to what God is saying, and let it sink into your spirit. ***"Do you not perceive it? God is making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."***

#### Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,  
You are always doing a new thing.  
Lord, please enable us to be  
aware of what you are doing and  
why. Give us a confident attitude  
of faith like Paul's. We thank  
you! In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen.

***How will you respond to today's message?***

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