

ISAIAH 43:18-21

STREAMS IN THE WASTELAND

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 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. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. Isaiah 43:18-21 (NIV)

1. All of us live under the influence of the past. Sometimes though past influences **PARALYZE** us in the present and cloud our future.
2. God is not content to leave us in **BONDAGE** to the past.
 - God will reclaim us from the emptiness of personal **FAILURE**.
 - God will restore us from the despair of a **TRAGIC** past.
 - God will even rescue us from relying on past **SUCCESSSES!**
3. God takes the initiative to do something **NEW**. How can we connect with what God is doing?
 - **ANTICIPATE** God's intervention in our lives!
 - **BELIEVE** that God can change whatever needs changing.
 - **CULTIVATE** awareness that we are the chosen of God! And so live proclaiming the praise of God.