

DAILY TIDINGS

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

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Daily Theme: New Wine In New Bottles ~ Matthew 9:21-23 ~

²¹ For when that which is new is come, the old is ready to be put away.

²² For no man putteth a piece of new cloth on an old garment; for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.

²³ Neither do men put new wine into old bottles, else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish; but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

GREETINGS & WELCOME

Welcome to the 2025 Conference. I have appreciated visiting with many of you leading up to this year's conference. I remember being a child when World Conference started. We always had people stay in our home many times skipped school to be at conference, how amazing it was to see 3 communion services to begin conference serving approximately 18,000 people. Well, regardless of our numbers we certainly can enjoy the same spirit. Please encourage others to come. I want us all to come into his presence and ask Him a question and watch us respond. May God bless each of you throughout this week.



REGISTRATION: Please register at the table in the Waldo gymnasium if you haven't already done so on-line. This helps us have a count for presentations, classes, and for meals. There is NO cost to register (however, if you would like to purchase a binder with all the pertinent information, the cost is \$15). Registration begins Sunday, March 23, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and will continue daily.



ONLINE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

To register on-line directly, use this link:
<http://eldersconference.org>

All conference related links and resources can be accessed through the link listed above.

LAYING ON OF HANDS; ADMINISTRATION: If you need this ordinance, contact any Elder or specifically Elder Doug Smith who is the Conference Pastor.



THE BUDGET: If you will be donating by check, please make the check-out to: Conference of Restoration Elders OR CRE.

Budget for Conference \$ 16,300.00

- ◆ Access the website
- ◆ Register On-Line
- ◆ Conference Schedule
- ◆ Waldo Church Map
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SANCTUARY: A consecrated place. Please maintain a sense of quiet and reverence when in the sanctuary. Also, **NO** food or drink in the sanctuary, except for bottled water.



ELECTRONIC “GADGETS: Please set your phones on silent or off when in the building. Take and make calls outside the building.

SEATING: Please fill in the seats in the main section **BEFORE** filling in the seating on the sides of the sanctuary.



TESTIMONIES FOR TIDINGS OF ZION: Write your testimonies for the Tidings of Zion magazine and send them to: centerplacetidingsofzion@gmail.com

LOST AND FOUND: Lost and found items can be turned in at the Registration Desk in the gymnasium. If possible, please be sure that your items are marked with your name so that they can be returned to the rightful owner.



CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice today at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD: You must register and be credentialed in order to have a voice and vote in the Elder's sessions. The first Elder's Quorum session is Monday, March 24, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. Please check the schedule in the conference notebooks (Section 1, Page 4 & 5) as well as at the Registration desk for times and locations for all meetings. Pick up your name badge and conference notebook at the registration table in the gym.



FIRST AID, & AED DEFIBRILLATOR: Check at the Registration Desk in the gymnasium if you have first aid needs. We will not have a nurse “on duty” but some may be available. A portable AED Defibrillator is also located in the southwest corn of the gymnasium as well. Point of contact for these items is Janet Dickson at the registration table. You can call or text her at (940) 783-7987.



LEARNING & OUR RESPONSE: Is a class that “everyone of all ages” (priesthood, non-priesthood, women and children) are invited to attend. *This session is from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. every weekday.*



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SCHEDULES AND BUILDING FLOOR PLAN:

These items will be posted in the foyer, registration table in the gymnasium, Sorensen room (cafeteria, located downstairs), by the school office and restrooms. Copies of each are available at the registration desk.



FREE WILL BREAKFAST & LUNCH:

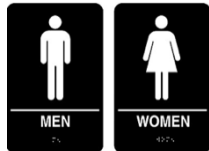
Meals will be served in the Sorensen Room all week.



Breakfast is from 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.



RESTROOMS: Restrooms are located at the NE corner behind the sanctuary, and in the Sorensen Room (cafeteria, downstairs).



NAME BADGES: When you leave the conference and won't be returning, please leave your plastic name badge at the registration table.



REFRESHMENTS: There will be refreshments, in the gym, following each evening service. Please stay for snacks and fellowship.



Make sure you stop by the **Old Bookman** book tables in the gym and pick up a few good reads!

DISPLAYS: Various displays are set up in the gymnasium. Please take time to visit them to see what is going on in and around the Center Place. Displays will be up all week and removed by Friday, March 28, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

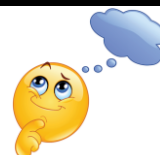


- ♦ ARM: African Restoration Ministries
- ♦ Aaronic Council
- ♦ Children's Books by: Beryle Immer
- ♦ FSM: Freedom Stewardship Ministries
- ♦ GEM: Greater European Ministries
- ♦ Joseph Smith III & Israel A. Smith Home Historical Society
- ♦ Old Bookman: Paul & Dee Ludy
- ♦ PoZ: Pastors of Zion
- ♦ Publications Council
- ♦ Restoration Hymn Society, Inc.
- ♦ SEAAM
- ♦ Women's Council



BUILDING OPEN & CLOSURE TIMES: The building will be open at 6:30 a.m. and closed around 10:00 p.m. nightly.

WATER BOTTLE FOUNTAIN: The water fountain has been replaced by a water bottle station. Feel free to bring your own water bottles for refilling. There will be cups by the station in case you do not have your own bottles.



JUST A THOUGHT...

Delayed obedience leads to disobedience.

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Using the Three “R”s to Understand a Mysterious Teaching

Jesus constantly challenged religious practices gone stale, their original meaning long forgotten and now become simply public ritual. He warned, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them” (Matthew 6:1).

One day he was confronted with the question of fasting. The disciples of John the Baptist and the Pharisees fasted. Jesus’ disciples did not. People asked him why. Jesus took this opportunity to speak about what it means to really change from a consciousness of living by public ritual to a consciousness of authentic spiritual life.

When asked why, Jesus made several mysterious responses, among them, “No one puts new wine into old wineskins: otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins: but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins” (Mark 2:22).

Fasting, of course, is not the issue that Jesus is addressing. It can be a beneficial, healthful practice, and I’m certain Jesus would have agreed. But, as a ritualistic religious practice, it belonged to the old paradigm that Jesus was trying to break through. In effect, he and his disciples were saying by their words and actions: **“You can’t put new ideas into old mind-sets. You can’t get new results with old behaviors.”**

How to Avoid Exploding Wineskins

The comparison is a very apt one when we think of the properties of wine and wineskins. When wine is new, it is in a state of fermentation. It bubbles and expands as the fermentation gases are released. A fresh, pliable wineskin can absorb such expansion and slowly age-with the wine until the fermentation process is complete.

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How to Avoid Exploding Wineskins, *Cont'd.*

To put fresh wine into an old wineskin, however, is asking for trouble. The old wineskin has assumed a definite shape and is no longer pliable. It is fixed and somewhat brittle. The activity of new wine will stress it beyond its ability to yield. And so, both the wine and the skin are lost.

We can't put new ideas into old mindsets. We can't get new results with old behaviors.

For example, one of the most common resolutions, and one that gets broken most often, has to do with weight control. What most of us fail to do is address permanent changes in our eating habits. Trying to put the new wine of a trimmer body into the old wineskin of established and ingrained poor eating patterns cannot bring lasting results.

Habits unchecked are stronger than conscious will power every time. Only when we fully understand what is really going on at the level of unconscious behavior can we take control and bring willpower to bear.

How many times have we said something like "I'm tired of procrastinating. Beginning tomorrow I'm not putting things off any longer?"

And we try! But somehow tomorrow never quite comes...

How about, "I resolve that this new year will be my most prosperous and rewarding year ever." ... Chances are we are still holding on to some old wineskin ideas concerning our true source of abundance. We haven't fully bought in to the concept of giving and receiving.

We can't put new ideas into old mindsets. We can't get new results with old behaviors.

So how do we get these new wineskins—these new minds out of which our new life will emerge? [With] three strong verbs, "**Repent, Replace, and Relax.**"

Repent Means to Change Your Thinking

Repent means so much more than being conscience stricken or contrite. The underlying Greek word is a form of *metanoia*, which means to undergo a fundamental change in one's mind or character. Simply put, **to repent is to change one's thinking.** Shift paradigms.

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Repent Means to Change Your Thinking, *Cont'd.*

The apostle Paul grasped this well. To his friends in Rome, he said, "Do not be conformed to this world, but to transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). And to those in Philippi, "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

The way Jesus saw the world is crucial to understanding and living in the new paradigm, the new wineskin. Do we want prosperity? We can adopt the Jesus mind-set of an opulent universe. The old wineskin says that the harvest comes only at a certain time and in a certain way. The new wineskin of the Christ mind says, "But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting" (John 4:35) and "give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be out into your lap" (Luke. 6:38).

The old paradigm says, "Yeah, I'll believe it when I see it!" The new paradigm says, "Ah, you'll see it when you believe it!"

The essence of repentance is letting go of old, limited ideas and investing our belief in new expansive ideas.

Here are some bold thoughts for your new future:

- ♦ *I am transformed by the renewing of my mind.*
- ♦ *I have the mind in me that is also in Christ Jesus.*
- ♦ *I lovingly release all old, unproductive thoughts and feelings and let them go.*
- ♦ *I change my thinking now from lack to plenty, from illness to health, from the old me to the new me.*
- ♦ *I joyfully welcome new ideas from the Christ mind in me, and I am transformed.*

Replace with New Thoughts

Now let's do some **replacing**, our second "R". The Unity method of affirmative prayer can be very helpful here. We construct meaningful affirmations that keep our conscious mind interested and entertained and then we practice them repetitively so that our subconscious mind is impressed with the change.

Then start replacing the old lifestyle: *My meals are health and balanced, and my exercise is sufficient. I am trimmer and fitter now.*

Make sure that the two conditions in the affirmations are true, that your meals are healthy and balanced and that you are getting enough exercise. We can't kid ourselves here. Such an affirmation keeps us conscious of our goal, and practice and repetition make it a habit.

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Replace with New Thoughts, *Cont'd.*

As we replace old patterns with new ones and use them, not as temporary measures but as permanent changes, we become transformed. Our repentance takes on visibility.

Then Relax About It

And now the third “R” – **relax**. Let the process work. Relaxing doesn’t mean going back to the old patterns. It means not worrying our straining for results. Don’t establish unrealistic time frames. It took us awhile to get this way, and it will take a while for changes to fully materialized.

Relaxing means to give things the light touch. It means not condemning the old concepts and behaviors. Just let them go. They have served their purpose of bringing us to this present moment.

Talk to your body and give it instructions to relax, beginning with the toes and working upward or with the scalp and working down. A regular period of time set aside for the purpose of relaxing can be of inestimable value for our bodies and our minds.

Don’t Forget to Pray

It is always a good idea to surround the whole process of repenting, replacing, and relaxing with prayer. Spend time in the silence with the Lord of your being, your source of guidance and energy.

In the deep silence, you may tap into that vast, inexhaustible source of universal energy and become fully empowered to change your thinking and to begin replacing old, limited patterns of living with new, vital ones. You can change your thinking now from the old to the new, from the impossible to the possible, from the limited to the unlimited.