



Trail Guide -- Week of September 28, 2020 --

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:19)

Sometimes we look but really don't see. “Did you see that?” “No, what?” “But you were looking right at it!” “Sorry, my mind was elsewhere...” Twice in the verse above the Lord urges the people to pay attention, to be alert, to be looking in order to *see*; and to see in order to *perceive*, or as we'd say today, “get it”. In order to *see*, and *perceive* what God is doing or about to do, we need to be intentional, expectant, open, ready. Too often we are caught up in the busyness of life. Too often we are weighed down by other concerns. Even good things can get in the way of being attentive to the best things. As we wrap up the month of September, have you been attentive to the ways God has been at work in your life and in the world? Or, have we been too weighed down by negativity to see the beauty around us, to wonder at the wonderful things that are happening which may not be readily apparent? I saw beauty this morning and perceived God doing a new thing, when I saw the article about a “Texas tycoon” who is spending millions of dollars out of his own wealth to make COVID testing more available. It lifted my spirit and my eyes to the Lord in gratitude. (reading from the New King James Version which uses the word, “Behold”)

Monday 9/28 - [Revelation 21:1-5](#) - John sees the new heaven and the new earth. Then he sees the holy city. As he stands in awe and begins to marvel, a voice directs him, twice, to “Behold” – not the structure, but the significance. Ask God to point you to the significance of what you see, what is happening. What does God want you to see? Take away?

Tuesday 9/29 - [Isaiah 12:2](#) – “behold” the affirmation and the resulting effect...

Wednesday 9/30 - [Isaiah 59:1](#) – “behold” - take note, reflect, remember... and ultimately, rejoice!.

Thursday 10/01 - [Jeremiah 31:31](#) – What “new” thing is promised? Why is this important? Why is it necessary?

Friday 10/02 - [Matthew 2:9](#) – What gets lost in the reading and telling of the story is the mere fact that the Magi *saw* the star. It had to have been hard to miss! Think about it. Yet, apparently King Herod couldn't see it. His advisors and learned men couldn't see it. What enabled the Magi to see the star? What stars do we miss because we aren't looking...

Saturday 10/03 - [John 1:29, 36](#) When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he declared, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” How did he know? How could he see it, but others did not?

Think of those who have served Christ and who have helped you to grow in your faith. Say a prayer of thanks for them, and write them a note! Ask God to help you be this sort of sister or brother who will be the recipient of such a note!

We still need volunteers to help in our “indoor” worship: with greeting, ushering, and more in the weeks ahead.