

Daily Devotion
September 2, 2022
Forward Motion, No Retreat

“There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace.” (Isaiah 9:7 NKJV)

Jesus was the fulfillment of an ongoing revelation of the heart of the Father. It only increases – goes forward. In 2 Corinthians 3:18 this ongoing forward revelation is reemphasized when Paul writes, “from glory to glory.” The point is this – God continually and persistently moves forward, never retreating to inferior standards as in the Old Testament.

The New came into prominence once the demands of the Old were met in and by Jesus. This completion was part of His mission, therefore the prominence of the New was permanent. It would serve only to dim our focus on the grace and truth brought by Jesus Christ to return to revelations already completed. So, let us move forward to capture more and more of the glory of the Father which Jesus displayed and promised to all who would follow Him.

Many in the church cannot accept the movement in signs and wonders, preferring to return and remain in the standards that God revealed to children who hadn't yet learned to live in maturity. However, the New has come and with it the maturity of life in the kingdom of King Jesus. This is the superior, why would we want to return to the inferior. He never returned to the inferior, but some in the church have. This is not what Jesus wanted. He wanted a mature church and to make sure we would never forget the standard He set; He stated the impossible: “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father” (John 14:12 NKJV). Forward motion – that's the plan of God. No retreat. And, no excuses.