

**NEW YEAR  
THINGS TO REMEMBER IN 2019  
HEBREWS 6:17-19**

**Introduction**

We are living in an ever changing world.

1. **TECHNOLOGY CONSTANTLY CHANGES:**  
Things that once were only science fiction have become a reality.  
What is top of the line today may become obsolete tomorrow.
  
2. **MEDICINE CONSTANTLY CHANGES:**  
Things that were once impossible are now routine. A lot of what used to take a hospital stay is now done outpatient. Things that use to take weeks or months to recover from now takes days.
  
3. **SOCIETY CONSTANTLY CHANGES:**  
And many of those changes are reprehensible and an abomination to God! Many things that our society used to look down on are now generally acceptable. And there are more changes in store!  
  
Cohabitation—I read recently where couples living together outside of the bounds of wedlock now outnumber the couples who are living together and are married.  
  
Sodomy or Homosexuality—It has been given legal status and is not only viewed by most in society as acceptable but there is an obvious push to force acceptability by those who still hold it to be an abomination before God!  
  
Abortion—Up until 1963 it was viewed as murder of the unborn and an unspeakable evil in our country. Over 60,000,000 babies have now been murdered since that Roe vs. Wade decision! Abortion has not only been legal for years, but those who oppose it are forced to pay for its promotion.
  
4. **FASHION CHANGES:**  
What was popular last year, will be out of style this coming year.

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5. **MANY CHURCHES ARE CHANGING:**  
Many have cast aside God’s Word either in total or have replaced it with a watered down version that is acceptable to the masses!  
  
People are being allowed in pulpits that should not be there!  
  
Many are changing their doctrine to keep up with societal norms and so they won’t lose their crowd!  
  
Many have traded the old-fashioned hymns and the teaching and preaching of God’s Word for worldly entertainment and music!

And we could go on and on looking at different things that are in a state of flux or constant change. As we get older, all this change can begin to make our head spin and we have trouble keeping up with it all.

But in this ever changing world, there is the need for an anchor to hold us fast so we won't be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine and passing fad.

Thank God we have that anchor!  
*Hebrews 6:19—“Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stead-fast. . .”*

**In the midst of all that is changing in the world, let me give you TEN THINGS TO REMEMBER IN THIS NEW YEAR!**

- I. **SOCIETAL NORMS MAY CHANGE AND NO DOUBT WILL CHANGE FOR THE WORSE, BUT THE LORD HAS NOT CHANGED, HE DOES NOT CHANGE AND HE WILL NOT CHANGE!**  
*Hebrews 13:8— “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”*  
*Malachi 3:6—“For I am the LORD, I change not; ....”*

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- II. THIS WORD OF GOD THAT WE USE AND WILL CONTINUE TO USE STILL CONTAINS THE ETERNAL TRUTHS THAT ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS, OUR DOUBTS, AND OUR FEARS IN THIS COMING YEAR!**

*Psalms 119:105—“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”*

*Matthew 24:35—“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”*

*Psalms 12:6-7--“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.”*

- III. OUR GOD WILL STILL HEAR AND ANSWER OUR PRAYERS IF WE PRAY ACCORDING TO GOD’S WORD AND HIS WILL!**

*Psalms 50:15—“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.”*

*Jeremiah 33:3—“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”*

- IV. GOD’S HOLY SPIRIT WILL STILL BE AT WORK CONVICTING, CALLING, COMFORTING, AND CARING FOR US!**

*John 14:16-18—“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.”*

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- V. OUR LORD IS SOVEREIGN AND WILL STILL BE IN CONTROL AND HE IS ABLE TO SUPPLY OUR EVERY NEED IF WE LOOK TO HIM!**

*Psalms 46:1-3 – “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah”*

*Philippians 4:19—“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”*

- VI. THERE WILL STILL BE THOSE THAT NEED TO BE, CAN BE AND WILL BE SAVED!**

*Mark 16:15—“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”*

*Romans 10:13—“ For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

*John 4:35—“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”*

- VII. THERE WILL STILL BE THE LORD’S FORGIVENESS, BLESSINGS, PEACE, AND LOVE IN ABUNDANCE PROVIDED TO ALL THOSE WHO WANT IT.**

*John 6:37—“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”*

*Matthew 11:28-30—“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

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**VIII. THE LOCAL CHURCH WILL STILL BE THE LORD'S AGENCY, PLACE, AND PLAN FOR WORSHIP, SERVICE, SACRIFICE, AND FELLOWSHIP!**

*Hebrews 10:25—“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”*

*Ephesians 3:20-21—“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”*

*Matthew 16:18—“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”*

I am not ready to call it quits, complain or compromise! I don't believe God is finished building His Church!

**IX. OUR LORD WILL STILL BE ABLE TO DELIVER US FROM OR THROUGH WHATEVER TRIALS WE MAY FACE!**

*Daniel 3:15-17—“Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.”*

*Psalms 121:1-2—“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.”*

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**X. THE LORD WILL HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR STEWARDSHIP OF EACH DAY OF 2019!**

*1 Corinthians 4:1-21—“Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”*

*1 Peter 4:10—“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”*

**Conclusion**

How much of 2019 will we see? I'm not sure! The Lord could come back before the end of the year! Or we might go through the portals of heaven by way of death! We don't know! It is in the LORD's hands!

But ever how much of 2019 that we do see, let's remember these 10 things!