

"And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of The First month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho." *Joshua 4:19 KJV*



“First” marks the beginning of the new. The flood was over “in the *FIRST* month, the *FIRST* day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth” Israel left Egypt: “In the fourteenth day of the *FIRST* month at even is the Lord's Passover” The wilderness Tabernacle was first erected “on the *FIRST* day of the *FIRST* month shalt thou set up the Tabernacle of the Tent of the Congregation.” Israel entered the Promised Land “up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the *FIRST* month.” Hezekiah repaired the Temple “in the *FIRST* year of his reign, in the *FIRST* month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD.” The Babylonian captives returned to Jerusalem “upon the *FIRST* day of the *FIRST* month. On the *FIRST* day of the fifth month [Ezra] came to Jerusalem.” Daniel’s prophetic vision occurred. “In the four and twentieth day of the *FIRST* month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel.” Births, beginnings, repairs, and returns begin “the *FIRST* month.” You may be thinking, “It’s not New Years day. What’s the point?” The point is, every thing we do must have a FIRST. Recall the significant “firsts” that have sculpted your character, personality, and beliefs; from your earliest memories to the present. Remember the “firsts” that brought you from the bondage of sin into the Glorious Liberty of Truth; those milestones of revelation that endeared you to His Majesty, the Lord of Creation; the Gifts of Answered Prayer that bolstered your Faith in moments of distress and despair; the Faithful Provisions in the face of extreme impossibilities; the moments of averted disaster that are nothing short of miraculous; and last but not least, the little details of every day life that fall into place without fuss or bother. Dear Believer, don’t dwell on present calamity or lack. “Seek ye *FIRST* The Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Jesus Was Risen early the *FIRST* day of the week. The disciples were called Christians *FIRST* in Antioch.”

Today begins another “first,”
As morning sun the clouds disperse,
Today to mend a broken heart,
Today to make a brand-new start. –CGP

Those who forget the past are destined to repeat it. “Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget The Covenant of the LORD. For the LORD thy God Is A Consuming Fire, Even A Jealous God. We love Him, because He *FIRST* Loved us!” You may forsake God, dear Believer, but He’ll Never Forsake you. Remember where you were, where you are, what you have, and where you’re going! Today is the “FIRST” day of the rest of your life!

"Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His Holiness. For His Anger Endureth but a moment; in His Favour Is Life: weeping may endure for a night, but Joy cometh in the morning." Psalms 30:4-5 KJV