"New" Things on which to Meditate as We Enter a New Year January 1, 2023

1. Thenew covenant that God promised (Jeremiah
31:31-34)
God made a covenant with theIsraelites after bringing them out of Egypt (Exodus 19:5-6).
2) The sinfulness of people is the reason God promised a new covenant (Jeremiah 31:32)
3) That new covenant was put into effect whenJesus died on the cross (Matthew 26:26-28; Hebrews 9:15), and He died for the world.
4) The new covenant isbetter than the old covenant (Hebrews 8:6-13). The new covenant features:
1. God's laws written on people'shearts
2. Apersonal relationship with God
3. Widespreadknowledge of God
4. Everlastingforgiveness of sins
2. Thenew birth that Jesus said is absolutely essential if you want to enter the kingdom of God (John 3:1-7)
supporting Scriptures: Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23
personal application: Put yourfaith in Jesus alone if you have never done so. You will be born again.
supporting Scripture: Ezekiel 36:26
personal application:Tell otherswho have never been born again that they can be born again — God's free gift to all who will put their faith in Jesus alone.