



### 1825 - Your Nature

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)  
"See I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up, do you perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
And streams in the wasteland."



I absolutely love this scripture. It's one of those scriptures that you can unpack, repack, unpack again, take some time then come back to it again and unpack and it'll forever be good and filled with treasure, healing, hope and restoration.

A person's nature is said to be their character: one's personality, make up, qualities, their essence. It's their way of doing and being.

Out of all the times I've read Isaiah 43:19 I've never looked at it from the lens of it revealing God's nature until this beautiful song, Your Nature by Kari Jobe.

Isaiah 43:19 has 4 key lines that I believe each reveal to us a glimpse into God's nature :

1. "See, I am doing a new thing!"

This opening line to this jam-packed, divine verse lets us in to the truth of the context of the text: that God is on the move, doing something new (something not yet existed) in the midst of the Israelites.

This reveals to us about God's nature that He is the God of New Things. A God that is forever on the move. Forever surprising us with His methods of redeeming us and saving us. God's nature is one that's active, moving and forever creating and bringing unheard of, unseen ways and methods of redeeming his children .

2. "Now it springs up, do you not perceive it ?"

In the context of the passage, God is talking to his beloved children, the Israelites about his deliverance of them from the Babylonians. He asks here if they can perceive God on the move.

This gives us insight into God's nature and the way he works and moves. His nature is that His ways are beyond our natural comprehension. This line speaks to a God whose ways are all around us daily but are easily missed. It's his nature to move, his move is all around us, the question is can you perceive it? Can you perceive God on the move in your life ?

3. "I am making a way in the wilderness "

A way is a path/road/solution

A wilderness is uncultivated land/ inhospitable region. Examples you can think of for the term 'wilderness' could maybe be some bad habits you have/ your thinking patterns/ your 2020/ your current season or any hardships or difficulties you're facing.

This line in this verse in Isaiah reveals to us our God as a God who makes paths/roads in areas in our hearts/mind/life that we don't even want to enter in or think of. A God who brings solution and forges a way out for us in the uncultivated areas in our lives. It's His Nature to show up in our wilderness and not just show up but bring solution and forge a pathway for us to trend on.

I love this revelation about God's nature because it gives me hope for the wilderness I find myself in. It gives me perspective and brings me strength to stay long enough until I walk on the forged path. It tells me: if I'm in a wilderness or have some uncultivated land in my life, God is here and is working on a solution. He's forging a path out, cultivating the land and bringing restoration.

Here's a thought: instead of throwing in the towel upon the revelation of uncultivated land in your life or realisation you're in a wilderness- maybe endure a while longer and ask God to reveal the path He is forging. It's His nature to come to our wilderness and forge a path out for us and future generations!

#### 4. "And streams in the wasteland"

This last line of this verse speaks of God as the God who brings STREAMS (water/ life/ nourishment) into our desert areas. A God who looks at our barren and dry areas in our hearts and lives and brings Life to them. A stream in the desert is an answer to prayer, it's a miracle and the most refreshing thing! This is exactly God's natural inclination and nature towards the deserts in our lives. He's inclined to bring answer to the prayers, miracles and the refreshment we so desperately thirst for!

What areas in your life are dry?

What has this season, your hardships, 2020, this week or day left you bankrupt off ?

Are you bankrupt of joy/ peace/ hope/ patience/ dreams/ money/ love/ community?

Could you dare to believe that God is busy bringing life there? Carving a solution? Working on the details for answering the prayer? It's His Nature to bring life to our wastelands, it's what he's naturally inclined to do. Rest. It's his Nature.

After listening to the song, here are some reflection questions

1. What about your knowledge of God's nature is this season challenging?
2. What about God's nature is your current season revealing ?
3. Isaiah 43:19 (NIV) what is God speaking to you about or reminding you off as you read this verse?

Prayer: God, I thank you for who you are. Open my eyes to what you're doing in my life in this season. Where I've missed or forgotten your nature, please remind me. Meet me in my wilderness and bring life to my wastelands. I love you and am grateful for your boundless love towards me. In Jesus name I pray, Amen!