

## Excerpt God Now

Our lives and living are happening now. 'Now' is as a narrow one-directional gate through which yesterday and tomorrow cannot come. It is a narrow path that opens up only as far as we need to accomplish this day. This day will, of course, have problems because God never promised us only happiness. Victory is something we get after a fight. Our life is now, our fight is now. If we do not see this, we cannot grow spiritually. We will be stuck, immature and without fruit, constantly seeking what God did in the past or fearing what tomorrow will bring.

The Bible is full of characters that start out, develop and transform life around them. God chose them, not only for their particular task, but also to be his image to the world. This requires exercise, experience and growth, which is always accompanied by a command, "Do not fear." "Be brave and courageous." "I AM with you." "Now."

I AM, the One who was, is and is to come, is here, not only today, but now. This very moment I AM, is I AM. In this brief portion of time that one reads this sentence, one can approach God now, know him now and worship him now. We do not have to wait for this until we get to church or until we feel or think we are spiritual enough. Those who seek to know him now, will find him now. Right here and now he has a solution, a message, a gift that we need right here and now.

Imagine looking past what is in God's hand now and looking at what worked in the past for us. Imagine being blind to what is in his hand now by worrying about what he will have tomorrow.