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## **A New Year**

The new year ahead of us will be, in some ways, like every other year that has ever been. It will repeat cycles that are centuries old. There will be the ageless round of days and seasons. There will be births and deaths, joy and sorrow. There will be triumphs and defeats, honor and shame. Solomon, the wise, perceived this truth: "What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9).

But in other ways the new year will be unique, a solitary set of events that have never before taken place and that can never happen again. As long as the world lasts, there will never again be exactly the same combination of circumstances. Never again will we be at precisely this point in our lives. Never again will we be able to see things from exactly the same viewpoint. Doors will open that have been shut, and may never be open again.

Because of the one-time opportunities the next twelve months will bring, the new year will be what we make of it. The Scriptures counsel us to make "the best use of the time" (Eph. 5:16). We may joke about "new year's resolutions," but without resolve the new year will be less than it should be. We ought to rise early and work late, crafting the year's moments into worthwhile achievements. The unique value of the coming year will be damaged if we fail to act energetically. This year is ours to do with as we choose. *Continued on page 2*

