

5779: Stewarding a Steady Flow of the New Wine

5779 is a new year when the new wine will flow freely. It's a time to position ourselves to receive a steady flow of God's Spirit. Of course, wine also represents sustenance and life and is associated in Scripture with grain and oil, which speaks to covenant blessings (see Joel 2:24). Wine can also speak of joy.

In 5779, we can expect fresh outpourings of the Holy Spirit both individually and corporately that will set the stage for all things new in a year of new beginnings. 5779 is a year of overflow.

You will receive the new wine as you wait upon the Lord. We need to engage in an active waiting, with our ears perked up, rather than a passive or complacent waiting. A free flow will come through greater intimacy with him and actively seeking the kingdom of God (see Matt. 6:33).

Many will mock you for embracing the new wine, but God will vindicate you and prepare a table of harvest and feasting before you in the presence of the mockers.

Acts 2:15-17: "For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it shall be,' says God, 'that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.'"

In this final year of a decade where God is opening the eyes of believers corporately, this new wine will also manifest with new outpourings of dreams and visions and prophetic encounters with the Lord.

Of course, there is a price for this new wine, but you can't buy it: "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isa. 55:1). Again, the overflow will come first on those who seek His face, not just His wine.

Increase is coming to those who rightly steward the new wine, according to Proverbs 3:10: "so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your presses will burst out with new wine."

Many have experienced outpourings in the past, but this season mark a different expression of the Holy Spirit's flow. Expect the unusual. John 2:10, "He said to him, 'Every man serves the good wine first, and after men have drunk freely, then the poor wine is served. But you have kept the good wine until now.'"

This new wine will release great joy, even among those who have walked through seasons of weariness—but refused to give up. Ecclesiastes 9:7, "Go and eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a pleasant heart; for God is already pleased with your deeds."

It's time to ask for the new wine, not just merely wait for God to pour it out. His will is to pour it out. Let's actively ask Him for the new wine in all its manifestations.

Stay tune for Part 2, where I'll share thoughts on 5779 as the year to embrace new wineskins.