

# Change for Fresh Beginning

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*God promises to forgive and heal us when we make a U-turn from the evil way of life and seek His face with humility.*

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 21:27, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Proverbs 16:18, Isaiah 1:18, James 4:10

**Topics:** "Repentance And Forgiveness", "Fresh Start"

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## Description

E.A. Adeboye preaches about the opportunity for a fresh start with God, emphasizing the need for humility, repentance, and a turning away from sinful ways. He uses the example of King Ahab humbling himself before God to show the importance of humility in seeking forgiveness and a new beginning. Despite the challenges and mess in one's life, God promises forgiveness, healing, and a fresh start for those who sincerely seek Him.

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## Transcript

MEMORISE: 'Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they

be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.' (Isa 1:18)

READ: 2 Chronicles 7:11-16

Does your life seem muddled up? Are you in perpetual torment? You can have a fresh start! Many times, God allows unpleasant things to come the way of his children. He uses these to wake up those who are asleep spiritually and keep them on their toes. Once you observe such a trend, its high time you returned to God for a fresh start.

No matter how bad things are right now in your life, no matter how hopeless situations may appear, there is light at the end of the tunnel. However, you may need to change certain things in your life to earn the desired change you seek.

Go to God in humility and divorce that attitude of pride. The Bible says: 'Pride goes before a fall; a haughty spirit before destruction.'

King Ahab was a wicked King in Samaria. He further yielded to his devilish wife and perpetrated idolatry and all kinds of evil in Israel. One day, Elijah, the man of God, met him and delivered God's judgement on

him. 1 Kings 21:27-28 says: 'And it came to pass, when Ahab heard these words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. And the word of the Lord come to Elijah the Tishbite saying, "Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house".

Just because this evil king trembled at God's judgement and swallowed his pride, God deferred the judgement he had passed on him till the era of his son. Humility is very important before God. To make a new start, pray and seek God's face and make a U-turn from the evil way of life that has landed you in your present mess. When you take these steps, God promises to hear from heaven, forgive and heal you of whatever he had allowed to plague you. That way, you are in for a fresh start.

#### ACTION POINT

Make a fresh start in any area of your life that is not right in God's sight.

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