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## Welcome to Sharing Scripture

Starting the first Sabbath of April 2019, you will see changes to this weekly resource. Contemporary Comments shall be known as Sharing Scripture. Of course, the name is familiar, yet new to this resource. It makes sense, doesn't it? We are exploring Scripture, and not only are we reflecting on it personally, but we hope you're discussing what's here with others.

Sharing Scripture starts with a story in the news and links it with the Bible texts and topic of the Adult Sabbath School study guide for that week. It also provides four questions for reflection. The four questions follow this cycle of learning:

**Connecting:** a question or two that moves you from personal experience into the Bible

**Sharing:** digging deeper into Scripture and understanding what it means

**Applying:** experimenting in fun and interactive ways how the Biblical concepts work for you

**Valuing:** a call to action in your life as God is prompting you to respond

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## Contemporary Comments

**"I Make All Things New"**

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**Texts:** Texts: Revelation 19:6-9, John 14:1-3, Revelation 19:11-16, Revelation 20:1-3, Jeremiah 4:23-26, Revelation 20:4-6, Revelation 21:2-8

More retirees than usual are moving out of Florida. Statistics show about 10% more seniors relocated north to states that still boast warm temperatures but which are less likely to experience damaging storms. However, safety is not the only factor in determining this move. As a result of these storms, insurance costs escalate, which causes people to also fear for their financial well-being.<sup>1</sup> Some decide that what at first seemed the perfect setting actually carries risks larger than they wish to take. While this perceived demographic change has not occurred over a long enough time to prove a definite trend, it seems to echo the idea that we seek security and certainty.

Our lesson this week provides opportunity to study plans that are definite, plans that are secure, plans that involve no risk. Jesus' words about the earth being made new are definite. They have no chance of changing, of not providing security, because Jesus has already made that assurance. Unfortunately, some become fearful of the events leading up to a new earth. Some become insecure about the prelude and give up before the symphony has a chance to play out. In this week's lesson, we see that all of that is in the past. Here we are at the new beginning. Jesus has even provided the wardrobe for the event.

In exchange for self-sufficiency, and seeking our own security and independence (not even depending upon Jesus), white garments, richness, and medicine greet any who accept Jesus' promise.

Along with the gifts that equip, Jesus prepares a place. Described in a promise to His disciples with the assurance that it would happen, Jesus details what will occur. More than merely inviting us, Jesus readies a place especially prepared for us. We don't need to worry.

Those words found in John 14:1-3 have echoed through Christendom for more than 2 millennia. We have heard them time and again and we can rest in the confidence that Jesus has conquered, Jesus keeps promises, Jesus will come soon, Jesus will make all things new.

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[1] <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/retirement/retirees-flee-florida-as-climate-change-threatens-their-financial-future/ar-BBV0FZG?ocid=spartanntp>

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