

Text: Various
Topics: Attributes of God, Immutability
Series: The God We Love More Than Anything

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God Unchanging

I. The Declaration to Us (Malachi 3:6)

In His perfections, purposes, and promises, God does not change.

God does not change in His perfections... (Ps. 102:25-27; Ja. 1:17)

God does not change in His purposes... (Ps. 33:11; Isa. 46:9-10)

God does not change in His promises... (Num. 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29)

What about the Contradictions?

The Lord was "sorry that He had..." (Gen. 6:6; 1 Sam. 15:11)

The Lord "changed His mind" "relented" (Exod. 32:14; Jonah 3:10)

But the way God deals with people can change.

II. The Difference for Us

God is an unending source of:

comfort in our affliction (2 Corinthians 2 1:3-5)

perseverance for our unity (Romans 15:5-6)

hope in our faith (Romans 15:13)

Keep the focus on the unchanging One! (Hebrews 13:8)

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Can you give an example of a person who didn't change their word or their promise and the good you experienced because of it? How about an example of someone who did change, not keeping their promise, and the result?

2. Read Psalm 102:25-26; Malachi 3:6; and James 1:7, the central passages that support the truth of the unchangeable nature of God. What is the context for noting the unchangeable nature of God in each passage?

Give some examples of how keeping in mind the unchangeable nature of God would help you in situations like the contexts above.

3. For each passage below write down the attributes, purposes, or promises of God that you see. Then write down what could happen if God could change.

1 Peter 1:3-5

Ephesians 2:4-8

John 14:1-6

4. In Jeremiah 18:8 we see an example in which God said He will change. What is the circumstance? Is it still true today? How would God want you to respond to this?

5. If the purpose of Jesus which He declared in Matthew 16:18 is still true, what effect would He expect knowing it to have on your life?

6. What does Hebrews 13:8 say about Jesus? What does that mean in light of what Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30?

What did you last go to Him for? What happened?

7. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?