



KNOWING GOD

THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IN LIFE

Lesson 4: GOD UNCHANGEABLE

“For I the LORD do not change;”
Malachi 3:6

I. Introduction

II. God’s PERSON does not change

Heaven and Earth, says the psalmist, “will perish, but You will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end” (Ps. 102:26-27).

Ps. 90:2 From everlasting to everlasting You are God

Hymn, “Immortal Invisible” (Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908)

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee!

Hymn, “Abide with me” (Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847)

Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;
Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me!

III. God's CHARACTER does not change

Every single one of God's attributes remains the same

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change

IV. God's TRUTH does not change

Num 23:19 God is not man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that He should change His mind. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it?

Ps. 119:89 Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens

Ps. 119:160 The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever

Is. 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever

Matt. 5:18 For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished

Luke 16:17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void

V. God's PLANS do not change

Ps. 33:10-11 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations

Prov. 19:21 Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand

VI. God's SALVATION does not change

Rom 8:29-30 For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified

We have eternal security in Christ: John 4:14; 5:24; 6:35, 39; 10:28; 11:26; 14:16

VII. Implications

For the unbeliever

God's purpose for the wicked will not change

God's means of salvation will not change

For the believer

Without change there can be no redemption. Redemption lies in our ability to change.

VIII. Questions

Does God change His mind?

God told Moses that He would destroy the people because of their disobedience. Moses responds and as a result it states, "*So the LORD relented (changed His mind) from the harm which He said He would do to His people*" (Ex. 32:11-14)

1 Sam. 15:29 And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret"

Contradiction?

If God doesn't change His mind, then how can prayer be effective?

Quote, A. W. Pink, However unstable I may be, however fickle my friends may prove, God changes not. If He varies as we do, if willed one thing today and another tomorrow, if He were controlled by caprice, who could confide in Him? But, all praise to His glorious name, He is ever the same. His purpose is fixed, His will is stable, His word is sure.