

Always the Same

And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail

Hebrews 1:10-12

Everything seems to change with time. Simply retrieve some old family pictures from the attic to confirm how time changes things. While looking at old photo albums, we immediately notice how everything changed over the years - faces, hairstyles, clothing, furniture, cars, even landscapes. Or consider the Industrial Revolution that occurred from 1760 to 1840 drastically changing the world. From mass production to transportation, the world's nations were launched into a frenzy of continual change because of these advancements. In the twentieth century alone, the world witnessed the first successful flight of the Wright brothers, and then just sixty-six years later watched man land on the moon. Ponder the vast resources of information that are at our fingertips with the internet. We now can instantly communicate face-to-face with someone on the opposite side of the globe. In this world of constant variation, there is one constant- God!

From the outset of creation to the consummation of the ages, God is the same. He is the same in His existence and the same in His personage. Today's verses in Hebrews are also found in Psalm 102, confirming other scriptures throughout the Bible that God never changes. With Him, there is neither variableness nor shadow of turning. God's truth endureth forever and applies to men and women of every generation. The attributes of a rock are used multiple times metaphorically to describe God's immutability. He's the Rock of Horeb that refreshed the Israelites on their journey through the wilderness, and today He continues to provide salvation, as well as quench the thirst for truth and longing for purpose in every soul who comes to Him. God is the foundational stone on which to build our life, and no matter what storm of life assaults us, our Foundation is unmoved. When our hearts are overwhelmed, He is that high Rock to which we can retreat for safety and consolation. In the Book of Malachi, He is the LORD (Jehovah, the self-existent one, or the Eternal) that changes not.

Knowing that God is always the same should be a great comfort to us. He is totally unlike mankind who can be prone to unpredictable mood swings. When we kneel in prayer and come before His throne of grace, we need not fear that God is having a bad day. We can rest assured that the Lord is always faithful and just, and His ears are open to our cries. His Word enlightens us when we first believe, and His Word will continue to lighten our path as we pursue His will. Heaven and earth will one day pass away, but the Word of the Lord shall never pass away.

As we continue to walk with the Lord, we will be confronted with the ever-changing tests of this life, so take time to meditate on this thought: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

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