

The Unchanging God

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Text: *Malachi 3:6*

Introduction

We live in an **ever-changing** and **fast-changing** world. The **rate of change is so fast** today that it is nearly **impossible to keep up** with the changes.

Just think of the way **technology** changes, one can suffer a constant culture shock. Occasionally, I go to Best Buy and just to check out the latest electronic toys and gadgets. Every time I go there I experience culture shock, not the mention the monetary shock.

I am involved in high tech industry and I am aware how fast the technology changes and if a company cannot keep up with the technology, it would soon **close down**. And as an employee in a high tech company, if you are not constantly studying you will be **left behind**.

Just recently, I watched a video clip regarding Fibre Optics technology and its capability. Experts say Fiber Optics is the future of communication. It will eventually replace wire or copper cable. The difference is that copper uses electrical waves while fiber optics light waves. What could be faster than the speed of light. That's why, they say, you can **transfer a HD movie in less than a second**. Now they are saying that in two years, you can **download a whole season of HDTV in less than a second**.

Think of how **moral values** have changed. The things we used to call sin are no longer considered sin. Imagine if you were born in 1959 and you were transported via time machine into 2015. I guarantee you, you will have massive culture shock. Because today, **we call evil good and good evil**. In our society, we punish those who follow righteousness and reward those who follow evil. We have lost our common sense.

Everything in the world is subject to change. We all change. As children we grow – **physically, mentally, emotionally and socially**.

Everything in the universe is subject to change. The universe itself is expanding. The universe is not static. It's dynamic. Many stars are dying and are being formed. Time, matter and energy are all subject to change. There is nothing in the universe that is fixed. There is nothing that is stable and secure.

Yet we read in the Bible ...

Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Let us contemplate on this great attribute, the immutability of God, and then consider applications of this truth to our lives.

I - Our Unchanging God

Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, **I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. I am glad the Lord knows who He is. Throughout the Bible we read God saying, **I am the LORD**, to remind His people who He is. He has to do that, because we are prone to forget.

Exodus 20:2 **I am the LORD thy God**, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Isaiah 42:8 **I am the LORD**: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Isaiah 43:11 **I, even I, am the LORD**; and beside me there is no saviour.

Isaiah 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: **I am the LORD; and there is none else.**

God is unchanging in His nature

In our text, God focuses on one of His attributes, which is His immutability. He focuses on His unchanging nature.

The universe, the world and life may be subject to change, but there is One that is unchanging, and that is God.

God has not change in any way.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

He is the great I Am – the Great Unchangeable. His nature and essence do not change.

Psalms 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands. 26: They shall perish, but thou shalt endure (abide): yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: 27 **But thou art the same**, and thy years shall have no end. (cf: Hebrews 1:12)

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

The shadow of turning refers to the sun which eclipses, and turns, and casts its shadow. It rises and sets, appears and disappears every day. It's losing its mass and energy. But with God, who is

light itself, there is no darkness at all, there is no change, nor anything like it. He is unchangeable.

Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Did God speak the world into existence? Of course He did. He was powerful, wise and good then – and He is still now. He has not changed – He has not aged.

Why should God change? God is a perfect being. Since God is a perfect being, **no change is necessary**. He does not change and He cannot change.

When change takes place it could go in one of two directions. He must go **from better to worse** or **from worse to better**. But since God is perfect, He does not need anything. Therefore, He cannot change for the better. He cannot become more perfect, or wiser, or better.

II - Our only hope in an ever-changing world

What is our hope and where is our confidence in this uncertain and unstable world?

Our hope and confidence is the unchanging God. Because our God is unchanging, His promises and His purposes are sure. His promises and purposes **cannot** and **will not fail**.

You can rely on God to keep His promises. People lie, people make promises they cannot keep or they have no intention of keeping but here is a fact – God does not and cannot lie. What He says – He does. What He promises - He keeps.

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that **cannot lie**, promised before the world began;

Joshua 23:14 And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, **that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you**; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

2 Corinthians 1: 20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.*

God has signed, confirmed, and sealed all His promises. To be sure that we understand that He keeps His promises - He has every one of His promises recorded in the Scriptures.

That's the God we believe, that's the God we worship, that's the God we pray to, the God who spoke the universe into existence.

III - Why then should we fear if the unchanging God is on our side?

Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2: When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. 3: Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. 4: One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. 5: For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

If God is for us, we shall be safe though our enemies approach us and attack us.

1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because **greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? **If God be for us, who can be against us?**

All important question is, is God on your side?

Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

The sons of Jacob, represents the true believers, the true children of God.

Are you a child of God? Have you been born again? Have you come to a point in your life that you realized that you are dead and that you have no hope without Christ? Have you receive the life that God offers in the Gospel?

Come to Jesus! Come to Him that you might have life? Come to Him who does not and cannot lie. Come to Him who is the same yesterday, today and forever.