

June 3, 2018

However unstable I may be, however fickle my friends may prove, God changes not. If He varied as we do, if He 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. – **AW Pink**

Daily Readings Bible Readings for this Week

Sun.	Esther 9-Job 2	Thurs.	Job 16-21
Mon.	Job 3-7	Fri.	Job 22-27
Tues.	Job 8-11	Sat.	Job 28-31
Wed.	Job 12-15	Sun.	Job 32-36

Nursery This Week:

AM – Allison Loges PM – Ruth White
WED – Nancy Lowery

Cleaning This Week: Ruth White

Thou Changest Not!

Aaron Miller

Psalms 102:25-28 proclaims, “Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but *thou shalt endure*: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: *But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end*. The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.”

It is hard for anyone or anything to go a day or even an hour without undergoing some sort of change. Our thoughts and emotions are in a constant state of flux. Even our greatest desires and plans will change over time. But God does not change. He never changes His mind, nor His course of action. He is the only Being in all the universe Who gets His “to-do list” done every single day without fail.

This is the doctrine of God’s immutability, which states simply that God cannot and does not change. God is unchanging in His *character* – He never increases or decreases but is eternally constant in all His perfections. God is unchanging in His *Word* – it can never be altered or abridged and can never fail to come to pass. God is unchangeable in His plans – His eternal plans have never been altered; He never has a “Plan

B;” and no human can frustrate or override His purposes. God is unchangeable in the salvation of His elect – as John Gill says:

God’s love to His elect is not of yesterday; it does not begin with their love to Him, we love Him, because He first loved us. It was bore in His heart toward them long before they were delivered from the power of darkness, and translated into the kingdom of His dear Son. It does not commence in time, but bears date from eternity, and is the ground and foundation of the elect’s being called in time out of darkness into marvelous light: I have loved thee, says the Lord to the church, with an everlasting love.

Immutability – For Our Warning

God’s immutability provides a strong warning to those who are persistent and unrepentant in their wickedness. The God who poured out His wrath in the days of Noah will not have a change of heart on the last day. The immutable God is unchanging in His hatred and wrath towards sin. If He did not spare His own Son when He was made sin, what makes you think He’d spare you? If you are persistent in unbelief and hoping for leniency in the final judgment, you are hoping for an impossibility.

Immutability – For Our Welfare

While God’s immutability is a terror to the wicked, it is immeasurably good news to the redeemed! God will always be your God and Redeemer in Christ. His promises to His elect cannot be any different and cannot fail. Malachi 3:6 – “For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

When, by human standards, we should be out of chances, God is not out of mercy. God’s purpose of election *shall stand* – we are Mutability secured in the hands of Immutability. We cannot help but sing with the hymn-writer:

Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Immutability – For Our Worship

We come today to worship a God who is not like us. He is distinct from the world. The only thing constant about humanity is our inconstancy. Yet as changeable creatures, we have communion with an unchanging God.

We worship a big God! Let us be careful not to approach God with a worship that thinks too much of ourselves and too little of God. Behold your God!

Theological Term of the Week – Immutability

Never changing or varying; unchangeable; the state of being beyond any possibility of change. Not merely unchanging but unchangeable. Change necessarily involves some of kind of improvement or deterioration, or an adjustment necessary to prevent the same. Thus change would prove imperfection or potential imperfection, either before or after the change. Immutability does not preclude variation in administration, but the person of God.

Charles Spurgeon on Malachi 3:6

The stability which the anchor gives the ship when it has at last obtained a hold-fast, is like that which the Christian's hope affords him when it fixes itself upon this glorious truth. With God "is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

What ever His attributes were of old, they are now; His power, His wisdom, His justice, His truth, are alike unchanged. He has ever been the refuge of His people, their stronghold in the day of trouble, and He is their sure Helper still. He is unchanged in His love. He has loved His people with "an everlasting love"; He loves them now as much as ever He did, and when all earthly things shall have melted in the last conflagration, His love will still wear the dew of its youth. Precious is the assurance that He changes not! The wheel of providence revolves, but its axle is eternal love.

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Morning Worship
	6:00PM	Evening Worship
Wednesday	7:00PM	Midweek Bible Study

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