

## **OUR GOD DOES NOT CHANGE - (THE IMMUTABLE GOD)**

→Scripture - Deuteronomy 30:15-18

### **HOW DO WE KNOW THAT GOD IS UNCHANGING?**

#### **DEFINITION AND DEFENSE OF THE IMMUTABILITY OF GOD**

**Immutability** - God Never Changes in His Plans, Purposes, or Personality. (B. Bill)

**Immutability** - God does Not Change. This does not mean that He is immobile or inactive. However, He is never inconsistent or growing or developing. (C. Ryrie)

**Numbers 23:19** God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

**Malachi 3:6** "I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.

#### **CONTRAST BETWEEN GOD AND MAN**

#### **WHY DOES IT LOOK LIKE GOD CHANGES?**

>**Some Statements were Conditional** (...if you do this ...then God will do this)

**Jonah 3:4-5,10** On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." [5] The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ...[10] When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

**Deuteronomy 30:15-18** See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. [16] For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. [17] But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, [18] I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

→**God did NOT Change... the people changed and God treated them Accordingly**

>**Some Statements are Expression Sorrow Because of Man's Sin**

**Genesis 6:5-6** Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. [6] The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. (NASU)

**1 Samuel 15:10-11** Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, [11] "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not carried out My commands...(NASU)

### **Remember there is NO Indication that ...**

- these things took God by Surprise
- God Changed His Divine Plan in anyway

### **God ALWAYS...**

- Hates Sin
- Loves the Sinner
- Offers Forgiveness to those who Turn to Him
- Condemns those who Reject His Forgiveness

**→ God did NOT Change...people changed & He treated them in keeping with that change**

## **WHAT IMPACT SHOULD OUR UNCHANGING GOD HAVE ON US?**

### ***BECAUSE GOD DOES NOT CHANGE HE IS NEVER CAPRICIOUS OR FICKLE***

**Hebrews 9:27** Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...

**John 3:16-17** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

### ***BECAUSE GOD DOES NOT CHANGE HIS PROMISES WILL COME TRUE***

**1 Kings 8:56** "Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.

### ***BECAUSE GOD DOES NOT CHANGE HIS PLANS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED***

**2 Peter 3:9-10** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. [10] But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

## **SO WHAT??**

**Isaiah 46:5-10** "To whom will you compare me or count me equal? To whom will you liken me that we may be compared? [6] Some pour out gold from their bags and weigh out silver on the scales; they hire a goldsmith to make it into a god, and they bow down and worship it. [7] They lift it to their shoulders and carry it; they set it up in its place, and there it stands. From that spot it cannot move. Though one cries out to it, it does not answer; it cannot save him from his troubles. [8] "Remember this, fix it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels. [9] Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. [10] I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

**→ Because God does Not Change I can Trust Him**

**→ Because God is UNCHANGEABLE I can Always Count on Him**