

# Bible Study: The Character of God

## XIII. God is Unchanging

**Passages to read:** Numbers 23:19-20; Psalm 102:26-28, 119:89-91; Ecclesiastes 3:14; Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 6:17-18, 13:8; James 1:17

### **Related passages for personal study:**

- \* 1 Samuel 15:29; Job 23:13; Psalm 33:11; Proverbs 19:21; Romans 11:29

### **Description of unchanging:**

- \* **No variableness** (James 1:17)
- \* **Immutable** (Hebrews 6:17-18)
- \* **Unalterable** (Ecclesiastes 3:14)

### **Aspects To Consider:**

- \* His nature and attributes are unchangeable
  - o **“I AM THAT I AM”** (Exodus 3:13-15)
  - o Signifies the changeless character of God and His eternity
- \* His purposes are unchangeable (Numbers 23:19, Hebrews 6:17-18)
- \* Proves the divinity of Christ (Hebrews 13:8)

### **How should an unchanging God affect me?**

- \* Dependence on Him
  - o “Because He is unchangeably true to His promises, He is the secure object of ... faith and trust, upon whom alone we can rely in the midst of human change and decay. It is this idea to which expression is given by calling God a rock...”<sup>1</sup> (Psalm 18:2)
- \* Stability (Ephesians 4:14-15)

### **Questions for Discussion:**

- \* Exodus 32 describes Moses interceding for Israel when the anger of the Lord was hot to consume them in their disobedience. The Lord turned from His wrath and “repented of the evil which He thought to do unto His people.” Is this inconsistent with the unchanging character of God? (See also Jonah 3:10, Ezekiel 18:23-32)

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<sup>1</sup> International Standard Bible Encyclopedia