



Section 2: Concerning The Godhead (Cont.)

Question 10: Is God subject to change?

Answer 10: No, God is immutable.

Memory Verse: **Malachi 3:6**

For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Support Verses: **Job 23:13**

But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth.

Hebrews 6:18

That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Discussion Points:

1. The clause translated "change not" is a verb form that means "not changing in attitude or character; not disguising oneself."

- The word we use to describe the unchanging nature of God in theology is "Immutable."
- Immutable is defined by Webster's 1828 as, "invariable; unalterable; not capable or susceptible of change."
- The interesting part of these definitions is the fact that they are not defining a position or decision that God has chosen to take based on the circumstance.
- They are defining the immutability of God as "Who" He is, not "what" He does.
- That is a significant difference.
- God does not change, He is immutable, because he cannot.
- Consider this truth as presented by Paul in Hebrews 6:13-20.
- It is "impossible" the writer said.
- He did not say that He chose to keep His promise to Abraham.
- He said He made the promise to Abraham, and as a result you can rest assured that it will be fulfilled because it is impossible for the promise to be broken.
- And furthermore, we have this testimony to the character of God with regard to immutability, that gives us "hope" as an anchor for our soul.
- What a blessing to know that not only is God consistent, but there is also no pretense with God.
- He does not present Himself or His expectations one way, and then demand something else.
- He is consistent.
- His standard has been set... And you know it!



2. Discuss the blessing it is to serve a God who is immutable... His standards and expectations are consistent.

- Just from a practical perspective, it is so very comforting to be able to trust God.
- That is in stark contrast to even the best of men... Even to the men God has chosen. (Romans 3:3-4)
- To know that tomorrow, He will be the same as He is today.
- To know that in ten years, the standard and expectation will not have changed.
- To know that you can please Him by faith.
- To know that you can never please Him by a work of the flesh.
- To know that you have already been accepted. (Ephesians 1:6)
- To know that you have already been adopted... You have been made a son. (Galatians 4:5-7)
- The bottom line... You can trust God.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- Yesterday, Today, Forever (Hymn - #93 - Rejoice Hymns)
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn - #119 - Rejoice Hymns)