

I Change Not

Scripture

For I [am] the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.” (Malachi 3:6 NKJV)

Commentary

What a blessing it is to know that God is not swayed in His choices and convictions from day to day like men. There would be no security in a god who changed depending upon his mood, or his creature’s actions.

Our God does not change, and for that I am most thankful because I change often. The slightest disruption can make me shift gears completely.

This is not good. As a believer, I need to rest upon the faithfulness of God in all areas of my life. Believers are warned not to be easily moved. “Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them” (Joshua 1:6 NKJV). Why could God tell them to be strong and of good courage? He could tell them to be such because it was He that swore. God promised!

When all else fails, God will remain faithful. I hope that is a comfort to you. It should be. If God has set His love upon you, He has loved you eternally. If God has saved you from the

Quote for the Day

Herein we may perceive the infinite distance which separates the highest creature from the Creator. Creaturehood and mutability are correlative terms. If the creature was not mutable by nature, it would not be a creature; it would be God. By nature we tend to nothing, as we came from nothing. Nothing stays our annihilation but the will and sustaining power of God. None can sustain himself a single moment. We are entirely dependent on the Creator for every breath we draw. We gladly own with the Psalmist Thou "holdest our soul in life" (Ps. 66:9). The realization of this ought to make us lie down under a sense of our own nothingness in the presence of Him "in Whom we live and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

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Spurgeon’s Devotion

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His ways are everlasting. (*Hab. 3:6*)

What he hath done at one time, he will do yet again. Man’s ways are variable, but God’s ways are everlasting. There are many reasons for this most comforting truth: among them are the following—the Lord’s ways are *the result of wise deliberation*; he ordereth all things according to the counsel of his own will. Human action is frequently the hasty result of passion, or fear, and is followed by regret and alteration; but nothing can take the Almighty by surprise, or happen otherwise than he has foreseen. His ways are *the outgrowth of an immutable character*, and in them the fixed and settled attributes of God are clearly to be seen. Unless the Eternal One himself can undergo change, his ways, which are himself in action, must remain forever the same. Is he eternally just, gracious, faithful, wise, tender?—then his ways must ever be distinguished for the same excellences. Beings act according to their nature: when those natures change, their conduct varies also; but since God cannot know the shadow of a turning, his ways will abide everlastingly the same.

Moreover there is no reason from without which could reverse the divine ways, since

wrath to come, what else matters?

Sure, at times life becomes very difficult, but believers always have the assurance that God is working all things out for their good. That doesn't mean that all things are good, but that they work out for good. So if you are struggling with life remember that God loves you eternally, and that He changes not.

they are the *embodiment of irresistible might*. The earth is said, by the prophet, to be cleft with rivers, mountains tremble, the deep lifts up its hands, and sun and moon stand still, when Jehovah marches forth for the salvation of his people. Who can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? But it is not might alone which gives stability; God's ways are *the manifestation of the eternal principles of right*, and therefore can never pass away. Wrong breeds decay and involves ruin, but the true and the good have about them a vitality which ages cannot diminish.

This morning let us go to our heavenly Father with confidence, remembering that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and in him the Lord is ever gracious to his people.