

UNCHANGING

THE SAME YESTERDAY. TODAY. FOREVER.

Our God is a ... SOLID ROCK, FORTRESS, FIRM FOUNDATION, ANCHOR

*“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, **WHO DOES NOT CHANGE** like shifting shadows.” James 1:17*

“...whom there is never the slightest variation or shadow of inconsistency.” James 1:17 (Phillips)

God is IMMUTABLE (Unchanging)

“I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.” Malachi 3:6

“God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind.” Numbers 23:16

*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.*

By Thomas Chisholm,

Three Anchors In a World of Instability

1. God's WORD Never Changes

“The Lord always keeps his promises; He is gracious in all he does.” Psalm 145:13b (NLT)

“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.” Isaiah 40:8

Temptation often starts with: “Did the Lord really say?”

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” Matthew 7:24

2. God's LOVE Is Unending

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.” Jeremiah 31:3

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39

3. God's AWESOME POWER Is Always There

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Isaiah 40:28-29

We Need God's Power to STOP

TO START

TO STAY

“and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms”. Ephesians 1:19-20

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one of the most difficult changes for you in 2020?
2. Read the scriptures in the opening part of this week's message, plus Hebrews 13:8. Why is it so important to the writers of Scripture to come back to this theme that God is Unchanging (Immutable).
3. How does it make you feel to know that God is Unchanging? Is this difficult to believe, why or why not?
4. God's Word Never Changes: Review the above Scriptures on God's Word (and also take a quick skim of Psalm 119). How do these Scriptures make you feel? How have you seen people try to change God's Word before? Have you ever felt the temptation to say, “does God really say?”
5. God's Love is Unending: Read the above Scriptures on God's love? How does this idea make you feel? Is it difficult to believe God's love for you is unending? Why or why not? Have you ever been hurt by a person who said they loved you but for whatever reason did not stay true to that love? If so, remember “God is not human and does not change His mind!”
6. God's Awesome Power Is Always There: Read the verses above on God's power. Are there other verse on God's power you could add to the list? Where do you need God's power this week to stop, to start or to stay?