

Daily Devotional #7 – God’s Immutability

What does this mean?

The immutability of God refers to the fact that God cannot change in regards to His Being, purposes, and promises.

Read Ps. 102:25-27, Mal. 3:6, James 1:17, and Numbers 23:19

The God of the universe is not like man who changes their minds. Firstly, it would be impossible for God to be God and change in His Being. Why? Well, let’s think about it. Change either occurs for the better or for the worse in our experience. If God could change for the better that means He was not the highest and greatest Being. If He has the capacity to improve and get better then by necessity that means that He is not the Supreme Being and is not without flaws. If God could change for the worse than that means that He cannot sustain His ability to be the Supreme Being. If He continues to change for the worse, it also means that there is a possibility that He becomes an evil God down the line. This is indeed a frightening thought. However, since He is Supreme and cannot change we know that we serve God as the highest and most glorious Being who is incapable of failing or changing for the worse in any way. Since He cannot change, we can trust that both His character and promises are true. When God says He is good and faithful to His people, He means it and will stay true to that. He will not break His promises or His Word. Secondly, He has no need to change because He is perfect. He knows everything and always acts righteously and with perfect wisdom. He lacks nothing and understands everything.

It is important to clarify that God is not emotionless. He is not in Heaven with a blank, harsh look in His eyes as the world runs below Him. The Bible tells us that He rejoices, grieves, gets angry, and loves to name a few emotions. Christians are called to imitate His emotions by rejoicing at what He rejoices at and getting angry at what He gets angry at. God’s emotions are not like ours, however. He is in full and complete control of every emotion and every emotion He experiences is grounded in truth. Our emotions are quickly moved by things, but God always shows the right emotion at the right time. Having emotions does not contradict the fact that God is unchanging in His purposes, promises, and Being.

What does this mean for you?

Have you ever had someone tell you they would do something and then change their mind at the last minute? That is frustrating. Or have you ever had a friend that you were once close to but you both changed and drifted apart over the years? I know that has happened to me. People change all the time. It can be hard to trust people who constantly change, which is why it should be comforting to know that there is One who doesn’t change. There is One who you can completely trust because He will not go back on His Word. There is One person who you can have a relationship with that will not wake up one day and decide not to be your friend anymore. God’s immutability should give us great comfort.

Since His purposes and promises cannot change, the believer can rest assured that God will not change His mind with regard to their salvation or the salvation plan. Imagine how terrifying it would be to die and stand before God in judgment and you hear Him say to you, “I’m sorry. I decided to change my mind. I no longer love you.” I am so thankful that we do not have to worry about God changing the plan. His ways are perfect and His promises are sure. Do you have this sure foundation and hope or are you still trusting in things that will let you down?