

Our Changeless God

What does it mean there is no chance God can change:

- Immutability is an attribute of God that panentheists (process theology) reject, as they think God is changing for the better.
- Scripture describes God as unchanging, Ps. 102:25-27, Isa. 44:6-8, Mal. 3:6, Heb. 13:8, Js. 1:17. Note a rock metaphor used (Ps. 62:2,6,7, Dt.32:4) in contrast to the sea, Isa. 57:20.

Why it's important that there is no chance God can change:

- What can you possibly trust in for stability / consistency?
- God's Word (ethics, promises) won't change so we have settled truths to live by, Ps. 119:89, Matt. 5:17,18, Heb. 6:17.

How I should be changed, knowing no chance God can change:

- Don't be changed by the ever-changing media and masses.
- Allow God to be changing you into His non-changing image, Rom. 8:29, 12:1,2, II Cor.3:18, Eph. 5:1.

QUESTION: If God doesn't change (see also Num. 23:19), what about passages indicating a change of mind and divine decree?

See e.g. Moses in Ex. 32:33, Jer. 18, 26, Joel 2:12-14, Jonah, David in II Sam. 12, Ahab in I Kgs. 21, Hezekiah in II Kgs. 20, Mk. 7.

- ✓ Note key difference between conditional and unconditional decrees.
- ✓ God's changed mind / decree is based upon His changelessness.

