

An Anchor In a Sea of Change

Series: Getting to Know God

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James 1:17 (NIV) Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

GOD'S IMMUTABILITY: GOD NEVER CHANGES

Malachi 3:6 (NIV) "I the Lord do not change."

THREE THINGS ABOUT GOD THAT NEVER CHANGE:

1. God's love for me never changes.

Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV) "...I have loved you with an everlasting love..."

Psalms 119:159 (TEV) ...Your love never changes, so save me!

POINT: I never need to doubt God's love.

Romans 8:38 (NLT) And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away.

2. God's Word never changes.

Isaiah 40:8 (LB) "The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the Word of our God shall stand forever."

Matthew 24:25 (NLT) "Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will remain forever."

Psalms 119:152 (NIV) Long ago I learned from your statutes that you established them to last forever.

Satan's temptation is to get us to question God's Word.

Genesis 3:1 (NIV) ..."Did God really say..."

Matthew 7:24 (NIV) "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."

POINT: Stability comes from building my life on God's unchangeable Word.

3. God's purpose for my life never changes.

Psalms 33:11 (NIV) But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all

generations.

POINT: God's purpose for our lives is that we will be in relationship with him.

John 10:10 (NLT) "...My purpose is to give life in all its fullness."

God's plan of salvation has not changed!

Romans 10:9 (NLT) For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

John 14:6 (NLT) Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

CONCLUSION:

Security, stability, confidence come from being anchored in an unchanging God.

Psalms 125:1 (NIV) Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

We invite you to look over the verses in your sermon notes this week and ask and answer the following three questions (you are encouraged to get a notebook to record your thoughts):

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean?
3. What does the verse mean to me personally?