

Unchanging

Living in a COVID-19 world, it feels like everything is changing and sometimes on a daily basis. All of us are experiencing change on a range of levels. Perhaps this is in terms of our work, our children, our way of relating to others or our leisure and freedom to go about our lives. We are moving towards what will be a new normal and things will probably never be the same again.

In the midst of these changes and uncertainty of daily life, we can be sure that the God we trust, the Lord we follow, the Holy Counselor we depend on, is and will be the same as He was yesterday, today and tomorrow. The God of the Scriptures is the same God of our current realities. God's unchangeable character means that His other attributes of mercy, grace, righteousness, sovereignty, power, will also never change. God will always be there to turn us away from the distractions, sin and trials back to His love ALWAYS! There is NOTHING that will alter His love for us (Romans 8:35-39), NOTHING that will disrupt His watchfulness and NOTHING that will keep Him from fulfilling His purposes for us.

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. but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

~ Isaiah 40:28(b), 29

So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

~Hebrews 6:17,18

The Bible tells us that God "does not change like shifting shadows" (James 1:17 NIV).

The past couple of years have left us feeling vulnerable, overwhelmed, and fearful. And just when we think that we have gotten past it all, we hit another wave of circumstances that can lead to more worry and feelings of helplessness. Change is a constant as we move through life. Sometimes change can be so subtle that we do not even recognize it until we look back. We have been forced to leave our comfort zones for new experiences.

Psalm 62:5,6 (NIV) says ...

"Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation ; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. "

As Christians, we have a Savior who came to earth as a man and experienced human emotions, pain, and hurt and is now our Advocate before Father God and understands our situation. He is an unchanging source of strength for us in a constantly changing world. It is vital for us, as Christians, during these times of struggle, in the midst of chaos to draw from that source.

We may not have control of circumstances but we do have control of our attitude. Will we grumble and complain our way through change? Or will we find comfort and joy in knowing that we serve a loving God who never changes? Change is difficult, but as we look back over the years, we can see how God has used difficult times to change us individually. And it is because of this that we are and can become stronger and more confident in the Lord. Trust our unchanging God to see you through! Because He “ .. *will never leave nor forsake us. (Hebrews 13:5).*