

## God doesn't change – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014

**“For I, the Lord, do not change!” Mal.3:6a**

Beloved in The Lord,

Life is full of changes. In the last 20 years or so technology has changed the way we live our lives. Our ability to communicate and gather information is mind boggling. Sometimes it seems that it is hard to keep up with all the changes.

There are many things that we could say about God's attributes, for example His love; His mercy; His grace; His power; His knowledge; His presence everywhere. What I would like to focus upon today is God's immutability, - the fact that He doesn't change.

Our text today is taken from the last book of the Old Testament, from the prophet Malachi. The Old Testament closes with the truth that God is Sovereign and that He does not change. We find this truth picked up in the New Testament where for example we read about Jesus: ***“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).***

You see this verse contains the same truth that we find in Malachi – God does not change. God The Father; God The Son; and God The Holy Spirit; are unchanging. They do not change with the times or seasons. They are not influenced by current thinking of man. God's Word does not adapt or change with human thought or reason. God does not subscribe to the thought that He and His Word are outdated; old fashioned and not suitable for modern man.

All of God's promises; all of God's laws and all the principles of the Bible are as true today as they were when they were written. God does not change His Word, and will not change His Word.

Last Sunday we considered the truth that in order to draw near to God, we must come along the right path. In order for our prayers to reach God, we saw that we must dial the right number so to speak. We saw that the pathway or the number is Jesus Christ. Jesus clearly taught: ***“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me” (Jn.14:6).***

This has always been the truth, and always will be the truth for all people no matter what. Even though many so called Christian Churches no longer teach this truth; it in no way changes the fact that it is the Truth!

God created man and woman and said that a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and the two shall become one flesh. Marriage has been, and always will be one man and one woman in God's eyes. It is of no significance what society or government says. What matters is what God says.

God does not change and His Word does not change. It is in force forever.

Just consider for a moment the consequences if God changed, if His Word changed to adapt to our thinking and opinions. We would have no security; we would have nowhere to turn. We would not have an anchor on which to rely, on which to anchor the boat of our lives. We would never be secure, and we would have to live in constant doubt and fear; in hopelessness and despair.

Praise God, that He doesn't change! He is God. He is a covenant keeping God. He is true to His Word. Shortly before I wrote this sermon, I was doing my daily Bible Reading. I read these words of Solomon that he prayed at the dedication of the Temple he had just built:

***"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to my father David and has fulfilled it with His hands" (2.Chron.6:4).***

God spoke with His mouth and fulfilled it with His hands. You see this is where God is so different to humans. We know from life that what a man promises is not necessarily money in the bank. There can be many reasons why a man is not able to fulfil a promise or commitment. Sometimes it is fraud; sometimes inability; sometimes a host of other reasons.

With God this is never ever the case. What God speaks; what He promises He always fulfils. What God speaks His Mighty Hand accomplishes. You can read the Bible from cover to cover (and you should regularly) and you will never find a broken promise that God has made. God is always able to do what He says.

We can say along with Solomon: ***"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to my father David and has fulfilled it with His hands" (2.Chron.6:4).***

A little further on this same prayer we read: ***"O Lord, the God of Israel, there is no god like You in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing loving-kindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart; <sup>15</sup> who has kept with Your servant David, my father, that which You have promised him; indeed You have spoken with Your mouth and have fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day" (2.Chron.6:14-15).***

Do you see what a wonderful God we have? He speaks with His mouth, and He fulfills it with His Hand. God, our God is a covenant keeping God. What God has promised stands sure and true. God does not change, He never breaks a Covenant. Therein is our security.

God and His Word are completely true and completely secure. We should never entertain doubts that God will not do as He has said in His Word. It was in doing exactly that; that Adam and Eve fell into sin. Satan had sown a seed of doubt in Eve's mind and she sowed that same doubt into Adam's mind. Satan had caused them to doubt that they would die if they disobeyed God. We must repel all doubt with God's Word. When Jesus was being tempted by the Devil; He did not enter into a debate with Satan. He stood firmly and strongly on God's Word. He hit the Devil with "It is written."

Jesus is our example in spiritual warfare. We must learn to stand fearlessly and unwaveringly on God's Word. It is written! What God has said is in force no matter what. It  
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is not important what people think or say; it is important what God says. What you feel or want is not the issue. The issue is God has said it.

God keeps His Word. He is, as I have said and will keep saying – A Covenant keeping God! When Adam and Eve fell God said to the serpent:

***“And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her seed;  
He shall bruise you on the head,  
And you shall bruise him on the heel” (Gen.3:15).***

Many, many years passed, but in Christ this statement was fulfilled. Jesus was born of the seed of a woman, He was the Son of God born through Mary, by the power of The Holy Spirit. At the cross Satan wounded Him, bit Him on the heel; bit on Easter morning Jesus rose from the dead and so crushed Satan’s head. The kingdom of darkness received a fatal blow to the head. The final fulfillment will be at the close of this age. Paul writes:

***“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you” (Romans 16:20).***

Very soon, God will bring His plan of salvation to complete fulfillment. We can be absolutely certain of that. God has promised it repeatedly in His Word. The day is drawing near when there will be a New Heaven and a New Earth. Satan will be in the lake of fire forever and all will be well.

It is good and healthy to remind yourself of this truth often, especially in light of current world events. There is bad news all around and so little hope and peace and joy. John wrote what he saw and it is recorded in the last Book of the Bible – The Book of Revelation.

***“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, <sup>4</sup> and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”***

***<sup>5</sup> And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He \*said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true” (Rev.21:1-5).***

You see; the Bible closes with another reassurance that God’s Word is faithful and true. God has given us His Word, in order that we may live in close fellowship with Him. That we would be knowledgeable of His ways and His character. He doesn’t want us to stumble in the dark, but He gives us His glorious light. He doesn’t want us to live in ignorance and fear; He wants us to know the truth and to be secure in Him and His Word. He wants us to live knowing, believing, loving, in peace and joy and in the fullness of His promises.

In order for that to be the case; we must understand that God is God. He does not change. He is the Truth. He is faithful. He loves us all so very much. If we come to Him, believing in The Lord Jesus Christ, then we are saved from our sin and eternal death. We are His children by faith here and in eternity.

Above all things God is love and He loves each one of us. He demonstrated His love at Calvary.

***“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. <sup>18</sup> He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:16-18).***

These words are Truth. They are in force and are the same for all people everywhere at all times.

The way of Salvation does not change.

Come to Jesus today and place your trust fully in Him alone.

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