

## WEEK THREE

### Attributes and Promises of God

#### **Why can we trust God and believe His Promises?**

#### GOD IS IMMUTABLE

“God is not a man, that He should lie,  
Nor a son of man, that He should repent.  
Has He said, and will He not do?  
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”  
Numbers 23:19

“Perfect stability belongs alone to God; he alone, of all beings, is without variableness or shadow of a turning. He is immutable; he will not change. He is all-wise; he need not change. He is perfect; he cannot change.

“If we are inclined to grieve because everything around us changes, our consolation will be found in turning to our unchanging God.

“There are some persons who talk about God changing his purpose; such people do not know what God is at all. How could God change? God must either change from a better to a worse, or from a worse to a better. If he could change from a worse to a better, he is not perfect now; and if he could change from what he is to something worse, he would not be perfect then, and he would not be God.” C. H. Spurgeon

#### **This week spend time reading and meditating on these Scriptures.**

God is Immutable: Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8; 1 Samuel 15:29; Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 1:10-12; James 1:17; Hebrews 6:17-20; Psalm 102:25-27; Job 23:13; Isaiah 46:9-11; Jeremiah 4:27-28; Isaiah 51:6

#### **As you read and meditate on these Scriptures consider these questions:**

What does it mean that God is immutable?

What is God revealing about Himself in these Scriptures?

Do you think of God that way? Why or why not?

What does knowing that God is immutable mean to you personally?

What difference could that knowledge make in your life today?

Is there anything in our world today besides God that is immutable?

Do you need Someone/something in your life that is the same yesterday, today, and forever? Why?

Does it bless you to know you have an unchanging God? In what way?

Being created in God's image, is this an attribute that belongs to God alone, or one that we can reflect as His image-bearers?

What have you learned about God that you didn't know before?

Do you have a better idea of who God is from this attribute? In what way?

How does it help you to see Him “high and lifted up” as it says in Isaiah 6:1? What is it about this attribute that comforts you, gives you joy, hope, or assurance?

Is there anything that makes you fearful, worried, or insecure? Please explain.

In what way does this attribute help you to know that God loves you?

Does it make you want to worship Him more often and intentionally?

“God is immutable in His attributes. Whatever the attributes of God were before the universe was called into existence, they are precisely the same now, and will remain so forever. Necessarily so; for they are the very perfections, the essential qualities of His being. Semper idem (always the same) is written across every one of them. His power is unabated, His wisdom undiminished, His holiness unsullied. The attributes of God can no more change than deity can cease to be. His veracity is immutable, for His Word is ‘forever settled in heaven’ (Ps 119:89).” A. W. Pink

### **The Promise for Week Three**

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.” John 14:1-4

Spend some time today meditating upon each sentence.

Try reading this promise in several different translations.

Is this promise familiar to you?

Who is speaking?

There are several promises inside this promise? What are they?

What do these promises mean to you personally?

Does any one of them speak to your heart?

What do you think is the correlation between knowing that God is immutable and this promise?

Why is this correlation important?

Why do you think that Jesus can say with absolute certainty that He’s coming again?

In this chaotic world, does this give you hope? (See 1 Peter 1:3-5)

Do you believe this promise? Is there evidence in your life that you are living this promise? What does it look like? Can you trust God to fulfill this promise? Why?

How could you use this promise in your life today?

“Where is the sense of distance and difference, then, between believers in Bible time and ourselves? It is excluded. On what grounds? On the grounds that God does not change. Fellowship with Him, trust in His word, living by faith, ‘standing on the promises of God’, are essentially the same realities for us today as they were for Old and New Testament believers. This thought brings comfort as we enter into the perplexities of each day: amid all the changes and uncertainties of life in a nuclear age, God and His Christ remain the same—almighty to save. But the thought brings a searching challenge too. If our God is the same as the God of New Testament believers, how can we justify ourselves in resting content with an experience of communion with Him, and a level of Christian conduct, that falls so far below theirs? If God is the same, this is not an issue that any one of us can evade.” J.I. Packer