

## Attributes of God

(Immutable)

What does immutable mean? ***Immutable means God does not and cannot change.***

- God is fixed in who He is
- God does not increase or decrease
- God is who He is from everlasting to everlasting
- This is in direct contrast to humans. We are in a constant state of flux.
- Every created thing changes (sun, stars, moon, etc)
- God is the only being that is unchanging
- He is the same in all seasons and moments in our lives (child, teenage, young adult, middle age, senior)
- Every attribute of God is immutable.

### 1.) God is immutable in His nature, character, being, and attributes.

- a. **Exodus 3:14** God said to Moses, “[a] I AM WHO [b] I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, “[c] I AM has sent me to you.”
- b. **Psalm 102:25-27** “Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.<sup>26</sup> “[a] Even they will perish, but You endure; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed. <sup>27</sup> “But You are [b] the same, And Your years will not come to an end.
- c. **Malachi 3:6** “For [a], the Lord, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, [b] are not consumed.
- d. **James 1:17** Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or [a] shifting shadow.
- e. **Revelation 1:8** I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who [a] is to come, the Almighty.”
- f. **Psalm 90:1-2** Lord, You have been our [b] dwelling place in all generations. <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born [c] Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.
- g. He cannot ever lie:
  1. (**Numbers 23:19**) “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 it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”
  2. (**Titus 1:2**) in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised [a] long ages ago,
- h. God in His divine nature can’t die. Christ died in the flesh (**1 Peter 3:18**). The divine nature of the Logos didn’t change.

### 2.) God’s Word is immutable

- a. **Isaiah 40:8** “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.”
- b. What God has spoken will come to pass
- c. His promises in His Word are immutable (**Gen 15** and **Heb 6:13-19**)(**Titus 1:2**) (**2 Corinthians 1:20**)
- d. His judgments in His Word are immutable
- e. Sin in the Bible is still sin now (abortion, adultery, homosexuality, etc)
- f. His Word does not change with the culture
- g. His Word is forever settled in Heaven (**Psalm 119:89**)
- h. (**Psalm 119:160**) “The sum of Your Word is truth and every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.”

- i. Right is always right, wrong is always wrong. There is no new standard, no matter the country, the continent, the generation, etc.
- j. It is not the book of the week, the book of the month, the book of the year, the book of the decade, the book of the century, the book of the millennium, it the BOOK OF THE AGES!

### 3.) God is immutable in His way of Salvation

- a. *The Gospel never changes Jesus is and has always been the ONLY way to salvation. The message of truth is immutable.*

- i. John 14:6, Acts 4:12, John 3:16, John 3:36, John 10:7, John 10:27-30, John 17, Acts 16:30-31

### 4.) God's love to His elect is immutable

- i. Romans 8:29-39, Psalm 103:17, John 6:37-40,44, Romans 5:6-11, Ephesians 1:3-14, 1 John 4:9-19, Jeremiah 31:3
- ii. John 3:16 (eternal life, not life for 2, 3, 4 years, etc)
- iii. John 4: 13 (never thirst again)
- iv. John 6:35 (He is the bread of life.....we will never hunger or thirst)
- v. John 10:28 (we will never perish)
- vi. John 14:16 (Holy Spirit is with us forever)

### 5.) God's wrath is immutable

- a. God 's wrath will be unrelenting and unchanging throughout all eternity for those in hell.
  - i. Revelation 14:9-11: Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup> he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed <sup>[a]</sup>in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and <sup>[b]</sup>brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and <sup>[c]</sup>whoever receives the mark of his name."

### 6.) God's plans are immutable

- a. Psalm 33:11 "The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the planes of His heart from generation to generation"
- b. Numbers 23:19 "God is not a man than He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good."
- c. Isaiah 46:9-11 "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; *I am* God, and there is no one like Me, <sup>10</sup> Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure'; <sup>11</sup> Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man of <sup>[d]</sup>My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned *it*, *surely* I will do it.
- d. Job 23:13-15 "But He is unique and who can turn Him? And *what* His soul desires, that He does. <sup>14</sup> "For He performs what is appointed for me, And many such *decrees* are with Him. <sup>15</sup> "Therefore, I would be dismayed at His presence; *When* I consider, I am terrified of Him.
- e. 1 Samuel 15:29 Also the <sup>[a]</sup>Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."

**\*There has never been plan B. Plan A is running flawlessly full steam ahead as we speak!\***

The theologian Jonathan Edwards stated there are 4 main reasons we in our nature fleshly state hate God and are hostile to Him

1.) God is Holy and we are not

- a. Unholy people hate pure holiness
- b. Jesus is the standard; Jesus destroys grading on a curve.
- c. The ones in the Bible who were seen to others and themselves as the most upright were the ones that hated Jesus the most (see Phil 3:4-14)

2.) God is omniscient

- a. People think since they are unholy and sinful, maybe He won't see them or know their sinful and unholy behaviors
- b. They think that they can hide from God (see Adam and Eve)
- c. Heb 4:13 "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.
- d. He knows all the behaviors and sins of all humans.

3.) God is sovereign

- a. The sovereignty of God is the free exercise of His supreme authority in executing and administering His eternal purposes.
- b. If God is not sovereign, He is not God
- c. He has all power and authority to rule as He pleases (Psalm 115:3) (Psalm 103:19)

4.) God is immutable

- a. All His attributes never change
- b. He is holy, omniscient, and sovereign forever and immutably which causes hatred in the souls of the unbeliever.
- c. This is the worst news for sinners, but the best news for believers.
- d. His immutability is a rock for our soul and an anchor for our faith
- e. What hope would have if at any minute God would change
- f. He is the fortress we can run to and know with all certainty.....

- Hebrew 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"

A changeable God would be a terror to the righteous, they would have no sure anchorage, and amid a changing world they would be driven to and fro in perpetual fear of shipwreck... Our heart leaps for joy as we bow before One who has never broken His word or changed His purpose. **C.H. Spurgeon**

