



Knowledge of the Holy

Chapter 9: The Immutability of God

To say that God is immutable is to say that He never differs from Himself...For a moral being to change it would be necessary that the change be in one of three directions. He must go from better to worse or from worse to better; or, granted that the moral quality remain stable, he must change within himself, as from miniature to mature or from one order of being to another. It should be clear that God can move in none of these directions. (page 49)

For human beings the whole possibility of redemption lies in their ability to change. To move across from one sort of person to another is the essence of repentance: the liar becomes truthful, the thief honest, the lewd pure, the proud humble. The whole moral texture of the life is altered... So radical is this change that the apostle calls the man that used to be "the old man" and the man that now is "the new man," which is renewed in the knowledge after the image of Him that created Him. (pages 51-52)

Here we see that God uses change as a lowly servant to bless His redeemed household, but He Himself is outside of the law of mutation and is unaffected by any changes that occur in the universe.

And all things as they change proclaim
The Lord eternally the same

- CHARLES WESLEY -

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Now more than ever the human race lives in a time of constant change. Looking back, what are some of the biggest changes you've seen in your lifetime (whether around you or in yourself). How have you found God to move in your life amidst change and discovered Him to be the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8)?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-19. How have you experienced the truth of this verse? How has God changed you to be someone different from who you were? What has God done in you "new" lately?

C.S. Lewis wrote, "Every year [we] grow, we will find [God] bigger." How has God grown bigger in your life as you have matured and drawn closer to Him. How has He become a source of stability and sureness in times of significant change?

