God Does Not Change

Hebrews 13:8

In a world that changes, God does not. In a world that reflects everyone's moment of everyday as different. God does not change. The same one who promised that He would be there, will keep His promise and be there. In a world that knows nothing but change, there is one thing I've come to believe with unwavering conviction: **God does not change.** But we do.

We are swept away by change. Nothing remains the same, ever. I have watched time reshape everything. The faces around me age. Friendships shift. Certainties I once held erode beneath the weight of life's pressures. Emotions rise and fall. Intentions drift. Even memory can't be trusted—it revises, it forgets, it heals what it once sharpened. Change.

Yet above all that motion, like the fixed North Star in a dizzying night sky, **God remains the same.** I didn't always grasp this. Like many, I used to think that God's unchanging character was more about physics than His covenant love. To say that God does not change had more to do with His immutable laws, which are fixed. He was like those laws. I had not connected it, and if I had connected it, I did not understand. His unchanging character, His being immutable, has everything to do with His love for us. John 3:16 gets lost in the emphasis placed on salvation. That we often ignore the reason behind salvation. ***"For** God **"so" loved the world that He gave His only begotten son. That whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."*** God's unchangeableness is not only about His covenant love. It is also about His character. Scripture tells us that God is holy. This means that God cannot change under any circumstance. If He were to change He would be declaring Himself a lie. Yet, as human beings, we do all that we can to change God. We blame God for leading people to do wrong. We blame God for punishing people. When it is the actions of the person or people who bring the unfortunate moment on themselves.

Malachi 3:6 says, "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed." That wasn't an abstract theological claim. It was a lifeline. God was saying: **"You fail, but I don't. You run, but I don't move. That's why you're still here."** I realized then that divine immutability wasn't about distance—it was about mercy. **God's consistency is the only reason humanity still has hope.**

Numbers 23:19 speaks to us as though we are peers, talking about God in an everyday conversation, and one of us says. **"God is not a man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind."** In our attempt to understand God, we view God through the lens of our weaknesses. Through our assumptions, through our inconsistencies, our fears. But if we trust the Word of God, and we do, then God does not change. We do. God does not have mood swings. He doesn't make promises He cannot keep.

I thought it was a confirmation in some ways when the choir sang, "Every day Jesus is the same". It ties in with **Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."** In a world where everything is fluid. In a world where so much is labeled relative. Jesus is constant, steady, and unchanging. It is because He is unchanging that we anchor not some of our hope, but all of our hopes in Jesus.

But here's the struggle: while God remains the same, **we are in constant motion.** We grieve, we rejoice, we doubt, we believe—all sometimes within the same breath. And in our thirst for control, we attempt the impossible: we try to explain God. Fit Him into our boxes. Assign blame to Him for what our broken world has done. When Scripture doesn't make sense, we don't pause—we reinterpret until it reflects something we can tolerate.

But the problem isn't Scripture. **It's the lens.** We're reading God through our chaos, through our limited understanding. Instead of letting God read us through His constancy.

I've learned that the most dangerous thing I can do with the Bible is assume I understand it fully. Not because God's Word is unclear, but because **my heart often is**. I want answers. I want neat solutions. I want to remove the tension from mystery. But some mysteries aren't puzzles to solve—they're invitations to trust.

So, what does it mean that God does not change?

It means:

- **His love doesn't waver** when mine grows cold.
- **His promises don't falter** when my faith does.
- **His goodness isn't circumstantial.** It's foundational.
- **His mercy is not reset every morning.** It's renewed.

And in the middle of life's dizzying motion, **He becomes the anchor** I didn't know I needed.

I'm learning, slowly, that the goal of my faith is not to master divine mystery, but to be mastered by it. I don't need to fully understand God to trust Him. I need to trust that His unchanging nature is enough for my changing life.

So when I find myself grasping for answers, I pause. I breathe. I listen for the rhythm of something deeper.

Because the truth is simple.

God does not change.
We must.

And in that sacred movement, our transformation dancing with His constancy—grace becomes the music that ties heaven to earth, the eternal to the broken, the divine to the human heart.

Blessings,

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