Eternality

Sovereignty

THE PERFECTIONS OF GOD

Transcendence

Immutability

THE PERFECTIONS OF GOD HIS IMMUTABILITY PSALM 102



The GLORY of God's immutability
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The Glory of God's immutability a. The MEANING of immutability

WHEN WE SPEAK OF GOD'S IMMUTABILITY, WE SPEAK OF THE REALITY THAT GOD, IN THE ESSENCE OF HIS BEING, DOES NOT CHANGE.

The Glory of God's immutability a. The MEANING of immutability b. The TRUTH of immutability

¹¹My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass. ¹²But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever; you are remembered throughout all generations.

Psalm 102:11–12

²⁵Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. ²⁶They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, ²⁷but you are the same, and your years have no end.

Psalm 102:25-27

CHANGE WILL NO LONGER BE AN INHERENT PART OF THE CHARACTER OF THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. THEY WILL BE ETERNAL AND UNCHANGING WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN MADE NEW BY HE WHO IS HIMSELF UNCHANGING.

²⁶They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, ²⁷but you are the same, and your years have no end.

Psalm 102:25-27

GOD REMAINS ENTIRELY THE SAME. HE WANTS FOR NOTHING HE LOSES NOTHING. HE EXISTS PERFECTLY WITHIN HIMSELF WITHOUT NEW NATURE, NEW THOUGHT, NEW WILL, NEW PURPOSE OR NEW PLACE.

¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17

IMMUTABILITY HAS BEEN CALLED THE SUN WHICH CASTS THE GLORY OF EXCELLENCE ON EACH OF THE OTHER OF THE DIVINE PERFECTIONS

The WONDER of God's immutability
a. The MARVEL of God's immutability
b. The SPLENDOR of God's immutability
c. The EXCLUSIVITY of God's immutability

The WONDER of God's immutability a. The MARVEL of God's immutability --God's PERSON is immutable -- God's KNOWLEDGE is immutable --God's UNDERSTANDING is immutable --God's DECRETIVE WILL is immutable --God's POSITION is immutable

--God's PERSON is immutable

"I Am Who I Am."
Exodus 3.14

--God's KNOWLEDGE is immutable

And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:13

The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. Your word is truth,

Psalm 119:160

WE CAN FOLLOW HIM IN ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE THAT HIS PURPOSES ARE PERFECT AND THAT HIS WILL DOES NOT WANT FROM LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OR KNOWLEDGE.

-- God's UNDERSTANDING is immutable

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Psalm 147:5

Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who equip yourselves with burning torches! Walk by the light of your fire, and by the torches that you have kindled! This you have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment, Isaiah 50:11

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Numbers 23:19

--God's DECRETIVE WILL is immutable

-- God's POSITION is immutable

Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 23:24

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:8

The WONDER of God's immutability a. The MARVEL of God's immutability b. The SPLENDOR of God's immutability

"I Am Who I Am." Exodus 3.14



You have wearied the Lord with your words. But you say, "How have we wearied him?" By saying, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delights in them." Or by asking, "Where is the God of justice?" Malachi 2:17

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Malachi 3:1

For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed Malachi 3:6

IF GOD CHANGES IT IMPLIES THE ADDITION OF SOMETHING, THEREFORE, HE WAS NOT IMMUTABLE BEFORE THE CHANGE OR IF THE CHANGE BE A DIMINISHMENT HE IS NOT IMMUTABLE AFTER IT.

The WONDER of God's immutability
a. The MARVEL of God's immutability
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CHANGELESSNESS IS A SOLE PERFECTION, AND IT EXISTS ONLY IN GOD.

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope.

Romans 8:20

WE RECEIVE OUR BEING FROM HIM AND THOUGH HIS GRACIOUS PROVISION WE ARE SUSTAINED. **WERE IT NOT FOR GOD WE WOULD** CEASE TO BE.

The GLORY of God's immutability
The WONDER of God's immutability
The WORSHIP of God's immutability

The WORSHIP of God's immutability a. God's PROMISES stand unchanged b. God's PROVISION stands unchanged c. God's HEAVEN stands unchanged

GOD PROMISES STAND UNCHANGED

the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Jeremiah 31:3

...who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

2 Timothy 1:9

GOD PROVISION STANDS UNCHANGED

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified Romans 8:29-30

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Romans 8:3

fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

GOD HEAVEN STANDS UNCHANGED

²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 301 and the Father are one." John 10:28-30

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THIS ATTRIBUTE, IMMUTABILITY IS THE STRONGEST REASON FOR OUR FAITH