



**GOD CAN'T  
DO ANYTHING**

Change

Change is good until we don't  
like it and can't control it.

God's greatness isn't confined to what he can do, God's greatness also extends to what he can't do.

God Can't Change.

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God Can't Change His Mind.

Once we think we are right,  
we aren't prone to thinking  
that we might be wrong.

We love the idea of being able to  
change our mind more than we  
actually love changing our mind.

Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. **He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.**

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James 1:17 NLT



The LORD frustrates the plans of the nations and thwarts all their schemes. But the Lord's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken.

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Psalm 33:10-11 NLT

Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me. Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

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Isaiah 46:9-10 NLT

I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'

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Isaiah 46:10 NIV

**“I am the Lord, and I do not  
change.**

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**Malachi 3:6 NLT**

“I know that you can do all things;  
no purpose of yours can be  
**thwarted.**

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Job 42:2 NIV

And he who is the Glory of Israel will not lie, nor will he change his mind, for he is not human that he should change his mind!”

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1 Samuel 15:29 NLT

So the Lord **relented** from this plan. “I will not do it,” he said.

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Amos 7:3 NLT

Then the Lord **relented** from this plan, too. “I will not do that either,” said the Sovereign Lord.

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Amos 7:6 NLT



But did King Hezekiah and the people kill him for saying this? No, they turned from their sins and worshiped the Lord. They begged him for mercy. Then **the Lord changed his mind about** the terrible disaster he had pronounced against them...

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Jeremiah 26:19 NLT

When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, **he changed his mind** and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened.

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Jonah 3:10 NLT

Are God's plans unstoppable and unchangeable or can they be thwarted and changed?

When the people saw how long it was taking Moses to come back down the mountain, they gathered around Aaron.

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Exodus 32:1 NLT

“Come on,” they said, “make us some gods who can lead us. We don’t know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt.”

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Exodus 32:1 NLT

The Lord told Moses, “Quick! Go down the mountain! **Your people** whom **you brought from** the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

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Exodus 32:7 NLT

How quickly they have turned away from the way I commanded them to live! They have melted down gold and made a calf, and they have bowed down and sacrificed to it.

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Exodus 32:8 NLT

They are saying, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.' ” Then the Lord said, “**I have seen** how stubborn and rebellious these people are.

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Exodus 32:8-9 NLT



Now leave me alone so my fierce anger can blaze against them, and I will destroy them. Then I will make you, Moses, into **a great nation.**”

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Exodus 32:10 NLT

But Moses tried to pacify the Lord his God. “O Lord!” he said. “Why are you so angry **with your own people whom you brought from** the land of Egypt with such great power and such a strong hand?”

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Exodus 32:11 NLT

Why let the Egyptians say, 'Their God rescued them with the evil intention of slaughtering them in the mountains and wiping them from the face of the earth'?

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Exodus 32:12 NLT

Turn away from your fierce anger.  
Change your mind about this  
terrible disaster you have  
threatened against your people!

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Exodus 32:12 NLT

**Remember** your servants  
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You  
bound yourself with an oath to  
them, saying, 'I will make your  
descendants as numerous as the  
stars of heaven.'

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Exodus 32:13 NLT

And I will give them all of this land that I have promised to your descendants, and they will possess it forever.’ ”

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Exodus 32:13 NLT

So the Lord **changed his mind**  
about the terrible disaster he had  
threatened to bring on his people.

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Exodus 32:14 NLT

God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, **so he does not change his mind.** Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it **through?**

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Numbers 23:19 NLT



God's purposes are unchanging.

God's plans are unfolding.

Our prayers are instrumental.

God's purposes are unchanging  
and they can't be thwarted.

God's plans are unfolding  
and they can't be improved.

Our prayers are instrumental  
and they can't ever  
be meaningless.

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*“Does God know the day you’ll die? Yes. Has he appointed that day? Yes. Can you do anything to change that day? No. Then why do you eat? To live. What happens if you don’t eat? You die. Then if you don’t eat, and die, then would that be the day that God had appointed for you to die?”*

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*“Quit asking stupid questions and just eat.  
Eating is the pre-ordained way God has  
appointed for living.”*

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The one who knows all things,  
controls all things, is at work  
in all things, and is working  
all things for my good.