

DOES GOD EVER CHANGE HIS MIND?

Answering Tough Questions Bible Study Series
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Introduction

The doctrine of “Immutability” states that God _____ change.

James 1:17; Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29; Malachi 3:6

Scriptures Where God Seems To Have Changed His

Mind: Genesis 6:6-7; Exodus 32:14; 1 Samuel 15:11;
2 Samuel 24:16; Jonah 3:4; Jonah 3:10

Why Is This Important?

1. If God could change, then he would not be _____, and therefore not God.
2. If God could change, then we could not have _____ in Him.

Ways In Which God Does Not Change

1. God’s _____, or existence, does not change.
Psalm 90:2; Psalm 102:26-27; Psalm 93:2; Isaiah 48:12; Jeremiah 10:10; Romans 1:23; 1 Timothy 6:16
2. God’s _____ does not change.
James 1:17; Hebrews 13:8
3. God’s _____ does not change.
Isaiah 40:8; Psalm 119:89, 151-52; John 10:35
4. God’s _____ and _____ do not change.
Psalm 33:11; Numbers 23:19; Isaiah 46:9-11

How Do We Explain Passages Where God Seems To Have Changed His Mind?

God does not change but He does _____ to things said and done by humans.

1. God’s warnings and promises are _____ in nature.
Jeremiah 18:7-10; Jeremiah 26:2-6
2. God _____ to changing people and circumstances consistently with His nature and purpose.
 - If God would not respond to _____ with forgiveness, his character traits of love and mercy would be changed.
 - If God would not respond to _____ and disobedience with judgment and discipline, his character traits of justice and fairness would be changed.
Joel 2:13-14
3. The word for “regret” can have the meaning of feeling _____.
Genesis 6:6-7; 1 Samuel 15:11
4. God responds to people’s _____.

Conclusion — Application

Because God does not change ...

1. We can know that our _____ make a difference.
2. We should be warned that disobedience brings _____.
3. We should be warned that sin brings _____.
4. We can be assured that repentance brings _____.
5. We can trust God to keep his _____.
6. We can trust God to always treat us with fairness, love and _____.