

DOES GOD CHANGE?

Exodus 32:9-14

Immutability

God is unchanging and unchangeable.

God is never inconsistent with His character; He is never developing and never growing.

Immutability

“God is unchanging in being, perfections, purposes, and promises and yet God does act and feel emotions and He acts and feels differently in response to different situations.”

Dr. Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*

Immutability

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today,
and forever.”

Hebrews 13:8

“For I, the LORD, do not change ...”

Malachi 3:6

“Every good thing bestowed and every
perfect gift is from above, coming down
from the Father of lights, with whom
there is no variation, or shifting shadow.”

James 1:17

But what about ...

- ▣ Genesis 6:6 – “And the LORD was sorry that He made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.”
- ▣ Jonah 3:10 – “God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it.”
- ▣ Hezekiah , King Saul

What changed? Moses' situation

- ▣ Moses begged God v.11
- ▣ Moses asked God "Why?" v.11-12
- ▣ Moses recalled himself and God v.13

Exodus 32:1-14

- ▣ God's character, being, plan, and purpose did not change.
 - God is omniscient v.1-10
 - God is omnipotent v.9-10
 - God is holy and therefore judges sin v.7-10
 - God listens to a repentant prayer v.11-13
 - God keeps His promises v.13

Applications

- ▣ Enables me to depend on God ... I have His strength and support.
- ▣ Provides certainty that everything is going to be OK because God keeps His promises.
- ▣ Provides peace in the midst of difficulty because I'm never alone.
- ▣ If I follow His Word, I will never go wrong in life.