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The Attributes of God - Immutability (Part 9)

Divine Attribute which describes Gods unchangeableness in His:

Being, Decrees and Word

#1 – Being (Counsel)

- Mal. 3:6
- Ex. 3:14
- Heb. 13:8
- Ps. 102:26-27
- Heb. 13:8

2 - Decrees

Purpose – Plan

Determination with respect to future things

- Ps. 33:11
- Eph. 1:11
- Heb. 6:13, 16-18
- Eph. 3:7-11

Psalm 33:11

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Eph. 1:11

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will

Heb. 6:13 (ESV)

For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself,

Heb. 16-18 (ESV)

For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when **God desired to show more convincingly** to the heirs of the promise **the unchangeable character of his purpose**, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by **two unchangeable things**, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

#3 - Word

- Num. 23:19
- Ps. 119:89
- Matt. 24:35
- I Pet. 1:25
- Isa. 40:8
- Jn. 10:35

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind.

Does he speak and then not act?

Does he promise and not fulfill?

Psalm 119:89

Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

1 Peter 1:25

But the word of the Lord stands forever.

And this is the word that was preached to you.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.

John 10:35

If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came and the Scripture cannot be broken

Immutability - Does not mean that God is static immoveable or unemotional

- Eph 4:30
- Zeph. 3:17
- Heb 4:15
- Luke 19:41
- James 5:16

Some Changes

- **Creation**
- **Incarnation**
- **Jonah**

Always in Accordance to his word and purpose

- Ezek 33:11-20

Faithfulness – Attribute which describes his absolute trustworthiness

- Interrelated and explain each other
- He is faithful “**Because he doesn’t change**”

Psalm 89:1-8 (AMP)

I will sing of the mercy and loving-kindness of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known

Your faithfulness from generation to generation.

For I have said, Mercy and loving-kindness shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness will You establish in the very heavens [unchangeable and perpetual].

[You have said] I have made a covenant with My chosen one, I have sworn to David My servant,

Your Seed I will establish forever, and I will build up your throne for all generations. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!

Let heaven (the angels) praise Your wonders, O Lord, Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones (the holy angels).

For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord? Who among the mighty [heavenly beings] can be likened to the Lord,

A God greatly feared and revered in the council of the holy (angelic) ones, and to be feared and worshipfully revered above all those who are round about Him?

O Lord God of hosts, who is a mighty one like unto You, O Lord? And Your faithfulness is round about You [an essential part of You at all times].

Faithful to His Word

- Jer. 1:12
- II Tim 2 :11-13

Faithful to Forgive

- I Jn. 1:9

Faithful to Fulfill Purposes

- Rom 8:28

Faithful to Discipline Us

- Heb. 12:5-10
- Isa 48:10
- Ps 119:15,67

Faithful in Finances

- Phil. 4:19
- 2 Cor. 9:6-9

Faithful in Temptation

- I Cor 10:13,9

Faithful to Strength

- II Cor 12:9
- Phil 4:13
- Gal 2:20

Faithful to Prophecy

Jeremiah 31:35-40 (AMP)

Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for a light by day and the fixed order of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, Who stirs up the sea's roaring billows or stills the waves when they roar- the Lord of hosts is His name:

If these ordinances [of fixed order] depart from before Me, says the Lord, then the posterity of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me throughout the ages.

Thus says the Lord: If the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then I will cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done, says the Lord.

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when the city [of Jerusalem] shall be built [again] for the Lord from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate.

And the measuring line shall go out farther straight onward to the hill Gareb and shall then turn to Goah [exact location unknown]. And the whole valley [Hinnom] of the dead bodies and [the hill] of the ashes [long dumped there from the temple sacrifices], and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the Lord.

It [the city] shall not be plucked up or overthrown any more to the end of the age.