

The Attributes of God God is Immutable...God is Faithful

To say that God is immutable is to say that God cannot change.

This applies to His **person**, His **plan**, and His **promises**. For starters, the immutability of God can be easily seen in this way - The attributes of God can never be greater or lesser than what they are right now. God will never be more holy or more powerful or more sovereign or more loving than He is right now. ***The attributes of God exist in perfection.*** In this way, God does not grow, improve, or change.

Here's what we've seen so far:

God is eternal and therefore, God is self-sufficient.
God is supreme and therefore, God is glorious.
God is immutable and therefore God is faithful.

It seems like the only certainty in our world is change. God is not a being in need of change. Perfection cannot be improved upon nor diminished. Everything in our world is mutable. We are all learning, growing, changing, making adjustments but God is not. His **person, plans, and promises** will not change.

Ps 102:25-27 *God remains the same.*

Mal 3:6 *The Lord does not change.*

James 1:17 *Every good & perfect gift from God who does not change.*

Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.*

Psalm 18:1-3

1) God's person does not change. By person, I mean His essence or nature.
You are a human being; you will never not be a human being. You are changing.
God is all that comprises deity and He will never be more or less than that.

When David gives these great descriptions of God, notice that it's all personal. There are a total of **EIGHT names, titles or descriptions** and each of these are preceded with the word, "my."

Strength, rock, fortress, deliverer, rock, shield, horn, stronghold

This is the practical outworking and personal theology of the immutable God. A God who is pliable and changeable can be none of those things that David mentioned.

2) God's plans cannot change

Psalm 18:30 "His way is perfect: His Word is flawless."

God's way is perfect because God is perfect.

We can trust God's way because of who God is.

We can also trust God's Word because His Word reveals His plan and God's ways are perfect.

3) God's promises cannot change

Joshua 21:43-45 "Not one of the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; everyone was fulfilled."

2 Corinthians 1:20 "No matter how many promises God has made, they are 'yes' in Christ."

Recommended Reading: *None Like Him*, Jen Wilken.

Home Group Discussion Questions:

1. What are some ways in which God does NOT change?
2. What is it about the immutability of God that reassures you? Brings you hope?
3. How might the immutability of God caution you? Give you pause?
4. Is there someone or something that you might be counting on too much to bring you significance, identity, joy and/or contentment?
5. When David spoke of God in Psalm 18:1-2, he gave some great descriptions of God. David says the Lord is MY strength, MY rock, MY fortress, and MY deliverer. Those are all personal. David learned them by experience. Do you have a story of God's faithfulness in your life that you can share?