

Crash course on God

Part 1

Imagine if God could change for the worse! Instead, he is absolutely and eternally unchanging. He says, "I am the Lord, and I do not change." Malachi 3.6.

But didn't he change his mind about destroying wicked Nineveh when the people repented? (See the book of Jonah).

Also in the time of Noah, "the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth . . . and the Lord was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and he was grieved in his heart." Genesis 6.5-6.

We must realise that God has *unchanging feelings*, not changing feelings. This is illustrated in John 3.18: "He who believes in him (Jesus) is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already." God's attitude here is fixed. We are the ones who must change.

First, God doesn't grow stronger or weaker, better or worse. He is already everything he should be.

Second, rejoice therefore, because God is steadfast, trustworthy, reliable: "The Lord is my rock" on which I stand. Psalm 18.2.

Third, how wonderful that he is moved by our prayers. He is not unbending.

Fourth, though God's nature and will are unchanging, our understanding of him can develop and change.

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God wants us to change and become more like his Son, Jesus. Romans 8.29.