

The Imputability of God

PSALM 102:25-27; JAMES 1:17; HEBREWS 13:8

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WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Let each GG member spend a moment reflecting on the changes their lives have gone through in the past 5 years, and then invite them to share these reflections briefly with the group. Then, let each GG member take turns sharing their predictions for the changes they anticipate may happen in their lives within the next 5 years.

WORSHIP: Adoring Our God

Suggested song:

You Are Unchanging

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WORD & WALK: Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

- GG members will deepen their understanding of God's immutability, recognizing how He does not change while the world constantly shifts.
- 2. GG members will grow in their trust in God, remembering His consistency and faithfulness throughout all time.
- 3. GG members will allow the Holy Spirit to transform their lives more, realizing that the God in the Scriptures is the same God working in them today.

INTRODUCTION

The next incommunicable attribute of God we will study in our series is His immutability. God is unchanging and He is eternally consistent in His perfection, in His purposes, and in His promises. Unlike people and the rest of creation, He does not change over time. If God were to shift or turn, then He would cease to be trustworthy and faithful. Therefore, many passages in Scripture point to this essential attribute of His.

Though God's creation will pass away, He remains constant (Psalm 102:25-27)

The psalmist wrote this ancient song to express his affliction and his cry for God's face. Despite the longstanding suffering he had been enduring, he clung to the Lord's promise of remembrance and regard for the prayers of the destitute (vv. 12-17). The psalm is an exhortation for the people of God to put their hope and security in His faithfulness that transcends generations.

- 1. According to the psalmist in verse 25, what work did God accomplish?
- 2. How is God unlike His creation according to verses 26-27? How did the psalmist use the imagery of clothing to illustrate this truth?

Application

What are some of the things in your life that have faded or you have lost? How can God's unending nature bring you comfort and stability?

God does not vary or change (James 1:17)

James wrote this letter to suffering, scattered believers. It is for this reason that he began his message with an urge to rejoice in the midst of trials that were producing steadfastness in them (v. 2-4). He then clarified that these trials the believers were going through were meant for good and were not temptations from God meant for evil (vv. 12-16).

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- 1. What did James say comes from above? In the context of verses 12-16, what do you think is the significance of this?
- 2. How did James describe God in the passage? How does the imagery of light and shadow in the text explain this?

Application

Given the trustworthiness of God's invariability, what are some of the areas of your life you can entrust to Him? What are some of God's unbreakable promises in Scripture you can hold onto this coming week?

Jesus Christ remains constant, just like God (Hebrews 13:8)

In this grand sermon, the author of Hebrews argued for the supremacy of Christ and Christianity through a heavy usage of Jewish themes. In chapter 13, he gave instructions to his readers on how faith ought to be walked in practical, daily living. These instructions were interwoven with rich theology in Christ that served as the basis for these commands.

- 1. The phrase "yesterday and today and forever" is a figure of speech. What do you think the author of Hebrews was trying to capture through this language?
- 2. Why do you think the author of Hebrews specifically chose to describe Jesus Christ as "the same" (cf. 1:12)? How does this truth about Christ in verse 8 benefit the readers of Hebrews in connection with verse 9?

Application

How do you continue to experience the unchanging nature of Christ today? How does knowing that the Jesus Christ in the Scriptures is the same Jesus Christ living in you impact your life?

PRAYER ITEM

Heavenly Father, You are the unchanging and everlasting God. You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. I praise You with my whole heart because I have experienced Your faithfulness and trustworthiness. May I remember this comforting reminder when I am afflicted, and may it allow me to cling tighter to Your promises. I thank You that despite my own inconsistencies, You remain gracious and patient with me. May Your eternal goodness continue to transform my life and the lives around me. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen. ■

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