

Can You Trust God?

Your God Never Changes

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God is immutable, but He is not immobile. He remains the same while being on the move and active in our world and in our lives.

Psalms 102:25-27 "In the beginning You laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing You will change them and they will be discarded. But You remain the same, and Your years will never end."

Isaiah 45:5-7 " ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, ⁶ That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; ⁷ I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things."

Isaiah 46:9-11 " ⁹ Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, ¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,' ¹¹ Calling a bird of prey from the east, the man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed, I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it."

James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

Three anchors that can stabilize your life in the midst of change:

I. Remember that God's Love for You Never Changes

God's love for us is not like any other love we have in this world. It doesn't require us to give Him reasons to love us.

Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

II. Remember God's Word to You Never Changes

If you want to keep it together when everything comes undone, you need to learn to hear God's voice by reading God's Word!

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever."

“The price of gold may rise and fall. The stock market may prove bullish or bearish. Your physical appearance will improve and then disintegrate. The loyalty of friends will come and go. Earthly fame will last but for a season. And through it all, the truths and principles and life-giving power of God’s Word will remain. Let it be the anchor for your soul. Let it be the rock on which you stand. Let it be the compass to guide you through trials and tragic times. Let it...renew your heart and restore your joy and ground your hope.”

~ Joe Thorn, *Note to Self: The Discipline of Preaching to Yourself*

Psalm 138:2-3 “² I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.³ In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul.”

You can’t live on energy drinks any more than you can live spiritually on sensations and experience. You need the real food of God’s Word.

[See Psalm 119:105-107; 114-117; 125-135]

Romans 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

What have you been feeding your faith lately?

“Bible study has torn apart my life and remade it. That is to say that God, through his Word, has done so. In the darkest periods of my life when everything seemed hopeless, I would struggle in the grey dawns...to grasp the basic truths of Scripture passages...Slowly as I grappled with [the Bible], a strength grew deep within me. Foundations cemented themselves to an other-worldly rock beyond the reach of time and space, and I became strong and more alive...I cannot exaggerate for there are not expressions majestic enough to tell of the glory I have seen or of the wonder of finding that I, a neurotic, unstable, middle-aged man have my feet firmly planted in eternity and breathe the air of heaven. And all this has come to me through a careful study of Scripture.”

~ John White, *The Fight*

III. Remember that God's Purposes and Plans Are Not Affected by Anything in Our World

Psalm 33:8-11 “Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.”

Jeremiah 29:11-13 “¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”

Even this worldwide pandemic is part of God’s plan and purpose. He is sovereign over it and is working in it for His glory and our good!

Job 42:2 “I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.”

Ephesians 1:11 "...works all things according to the counsel of His will."

People do not generally turn to God in times of prosperity. They turn to Him in times of calamity.

Pray that many would come to faith in Jesus Christ and for God to accomplish all of His good purposes through this pandemic.

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

Matthew 11:28-30 " ²⁸ Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."