- 4. God does, at times, change His ACTIONS in response to changing CIRCUMSTANCES.
 - MOSES and the destruction of ISRAEL (Ex. 32:9-14)
 - HEZEKIAH and his death SENTENCE (Is. 38:1-6)
 - JONAH and the destruction of NINEVEH (Jonah 3:4)

The God You Can Know

God is UNCHANGING

James 1:12-18 Sunday, June 16, 2019

A.W. Tozer said, "What comes to our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." This summer, together at Grace Central Coast, we are exploring who God is and what that means for our lives. We continue our series today with a consideration of "God is UNCHANGING."

What does the Bible mean when it teaches that "God is Unchanging"?

1. God is unchanging in HIS PERFECTIONS.

Why does it matter for us that God is Unchanging?

The truth that God is unchanging is the rock-solid foundation for our STEADFAST TRUST in God, even in the TOUGHEST CIRCUMSTANCES of our lives. (James 1:12-18)

2. God is unchanging in HIS PURPOSES.

3. God is unchanging in HIS PROMISES.

Next Week:

God is ALL-KNOWING Isaiah 40

What if God did change ...?

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Each week, we provide these questions for our Growth Groups. Growth Groups are the glue which holds our church together. Most groups are on break for the summer, but enrollment will happen again this Fall. This summer, we are continuing to provide questions in the hope that families and households might use them to interact with the message content of our summer series, "The God You Can Know."

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

The God

a study on the attributes of God

You Can Know

 What was new or fresh for you in this week's message about "God is Unchanging?"

2. The Biblical symbol for the unchangeableness of God is a rock. Again and again, the Psalms refer to God as our rock. Morro Rock is a famous rock on the Central Coast. What thoughts and feelings does Morro Rock evoke for you?

3. Do you ever think of God as your rock? Why or why not? What might happen if you did?

- 4. How are we to understand God changing His mind in response to the prayers and petitions of His people? Does this mean that God's perfections, purposes or promises change?
- 5. Read James 1:12-18. Where is this text teaching that God is unchanging? How is that truth related to the exhortation to be "steadfast" under trial? How does it relate to the truth that God doesn't tempt us to sin? How does it relate to the truth that God is the giver of every good thing in our lives?

6. Read Romans 8:31-39. How does this text relate and connect to "God is unchanging?"

7. Where is a place in your life right now where you struggling to trust God? How does the reminder that "God is unchanging" bolster and fuel your trust?

Praying Together

Praise God for unchanging perfections, purposes and promises. Ask for the grace to trust our unchanging God in that place where you are struggling to trust Him.