



Lesson 9

God is Immutable

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

Exodus 3:14a

Grades: 1-5

We believe that you are your child's first and most important spiritual leader. To support you in that mission, we have created this tool to go along with each lesson your grade school age children are learning at Quest on Sundays.

BIBLE ACCOUNT:

Absalom tries to take David's throne

2 Samuel 15:1-23

God's plans are firm forever
Psalm 33:11

LESSON VERSE:

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."



God never changes

ACTIVITIES

Dear Lord, thank you Father that you never change. Your promises are kept forever. Your love for me never changes. Your character never changes. I can count on you in every

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What is one thing you learned in Quest?
- Did you ever see someone change for the worse?
- ★ Have you ever changed your mind?
- ★ Does God change like us? Explain.
- ❖ Why would God changing be bad for us?

LIVE IT OUT!

- Make a list of 2 columns. On one side for things about God that do not change and the other side for the things God is changing in you that make you more like Jesus.



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LESSON 9: The Same Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

What does Scripture mean that God is “immutable” or unchangeable? Simply put it means that God cannot change in regard to His person, His purposes, His promises, or His perfections. God does act in time and space of course. He created both and is Lord of both time and space. It is also clear that God feels emotions differently in different situations. Neither of these however constitute a “change”. As clear as these facts are in Scripture you may wonder, why spend time on it at all? What possible impact does this truth have on me and my faith? A big one. Let me explain and then leave you to meditate on His Word instead of mine.

What if God could change in the areas that Scripture clearly says He cannot? His purposes for example. God purposed that all those who have trusted in Jesus would not perish. Even though we die physically we will not suffer the second death, but instead will be joined with Christ in his heavenly kingdom. It is the hope of the redeemed. Could God just decide, “hmmm...never mind. I don't like that plan after all?” I shudder to think. How about His promises? “I will be with you even to the end of the age,”...oh well. Maybe not. I changed my mind.” Do you see where I'm going with this?

With a God who could change we'd find ourselves the proverbial Charlie Brown - always having the ball pulled away at the last moment. That is not the God we serve friends.

Children, like adults, but even more acutely, need to know that God is a promise keeper, that His will cannot be stopped, and that they can trust Him with their lives. The fact that God cannot change in his essential being, character, purposes, or promises is something we can take to the bank.

- Mike

“All God's reasons for doing anything lie inside of God - that is, they are what God is....Nothing has been added to or removed from God from eternity, He has never changed in any way because He is the unchanging God” - A. W. Tozer



MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Psalm 102:25-27
Malachi 3:6 Numbers 23:19
Isaiah 46:9-11
Hebrews 1:10-12