

An Anchor for Our Souls God's Unchanging Character

**"I the Lord do not change."
Malachi 3:6 NIV**

WORD: God, what are You saying to me through Your Word?

Everything in us and around us changes - - - everything! Change causes uncertainty, and uncertainty can cause fear and anxiety. However, in our crazy, ever changing world, God does not change. This is a powerful truth we can hold on to like a ship holds on to an anchor. ~ *What is changing in your life and our world right now? What does God say in this verse about Himself? How is this an anchor?*

WHY: God, why does this Scripture matter?

Our God is a good God, so knowing He doesn't change gives us hope and courage, strength and joy. God says, **"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand"** (Isaiah 41:10). **The foundation of our faith is God's character. Because His character doesn't change, His word, promises and purpose don't change, either.** ~ *So when our unchanging God says that He is with us and will help us, how does that matter for us today?*

WHAT: God, what else does Your Word say to me about this?

God tells us He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, loving and forgiving (Exodus 34:6-7). He is faithful and compassionate (Lamentations 3:22-23). Hebrews says, **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever"** (13:8). Jesus tells us, **"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End"** (Revelation 22:13). These are just a few of God's amazingly good character traits. All this certainty about Him can help us navigate all the uncertainty about us and our world. *What character trait of our unchanging God encourages you the most right now?*

WORSHIP: God, how do You want me to respond to this truth?

Knowing who God is, we can anchor our lives in Him. Hebrews says, **"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure"** (6:19 NIV). The words "firm and secure" also mean unshakeable, reliable and trustworthy. Isn't that awesome? We may be tossed by the waves of change, but, anchored with Him, we won't be shaken, set adrift or lost. **"If you'll hold on to me for dear life,' says God, 'I'll get you out of any trouble. I'll give you the best of care if you'll only get to know and trust me."** (Psalm 91:14 MSG). *Let's pray that we will know our unchanging God and trust Him more and more during these changing times!*

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God is our salvation; may we trust and not be afraid. May we hold on to Him no matter what storms life may bring. In the unchanging Name of Jesus, amen!