**Changed by unchanging  Love**

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Psalm 191

1The heavens declare the glory of God;

And the firmament shows His handiwork.

Psalm 34:3 NKJV

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

And let us exalt His name together.

<http://www.godtube.com/watch/?v=9CB2FJNU>

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**God is the only one in the universe who does not change**

[Revelation 1:8](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+1:8&version=NKJV)

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Malachi 3:6-7MSG

 “I am God—yes, I Am. I haven’t changed. And because I haven’t changed, you, the descendants of Jacob, haven’t been destroyed. You have a long history of ignoring my commands. You haven’t done a thing I’ve told you. Return to me so I can return to you,” says God-of-the-Angel-Armies.

The word often appears to be contradictory but is held in a divine tension and balance.

The challenge to change can be regarded as a negative thing as the enemy reminds us of all our shortcomings that need to change

See change as positive growing more like the Father expressing more of the fruits of the Spirit as our character

How would you describe the Lord?

What is your best quality?

It is so important to know God loves you as you are. BUT as we draw close to him, his saltiness causes a thirst in us to become all that He wants us to be!!! He challenges us to change!

Ephesians 1:6 (NKJV)

to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

[1 Peter 2:9-10](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Peter+2:9&version=MSG) MSG

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God’s instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

**Evidence of life in any organism is growth and change**

God has set laws of physics in the earth and nothing is static - the law of entropy 2nd law of thermodynamics dictates that change is occurring even if we are unaware of it

Change involves allowing the Lord to go places in your life and in your past, and bring you through to your future and your hope God has ordained for you

Psalm 55 :19   [NKJV](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2055:18-20&version=NKJV)

Selah Because they do not change, Therefore they do not fear God.

[John 8:32](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+8%3A32&version=NKJV) NKJV

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Jeremiah 31:1-4 NKJV

The Lord has appeared of old to me, *saying:*

“Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;

Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt,

O virgin of Israel!

**How to change is our big question?  Works programs - to do lists - goal setting…**

The Fear of the Lord is the essence of change

[Proverbs 9:10](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+9%3A10&version=NKJV)

“The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.

Psalm 31:9

Oh, how great *is* Your goodness,

Which You have laid up for those who fear You

Psalm 19:9

The fear of the Lord *is* clean, enduring forever;

**Change involves a - coming - resting, - beholding - believing - and receiving.**

Matthew 11:28-30 NKJV

28 Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”

Matthew 18:2-4 (NKJV)

2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, 3 and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

[Hebrews 4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+4&version=NKJV)

2Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it.* For we who have believed do enter that rest

Hebrews 4:11

Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest [of God}, to know and experience it for ourselves], so that no one will fall by *following* the same example of disobedience [as those who died in the wilderness].

2 Corinthians 3:    Amplified Bible

And all of us as with unveiled face, because we continued to behold (as in the word of God) as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into HIs very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Peter 5:5-7

Be clothed with humility, for

“God resists the proud,

But gives grace to the humble.”

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

**Communion**

Know God’s will is never to put us down in the process of change but to break every chain that holds us down and lift us up to our fullest potential in Him.