

TITLE: OUR UNCHANGING GOD

Two ways we can approach this magnificent idea (both are legitimate): we can approach it from a scholarly perspective – define it and explain it. Or we can examine its impact. I want to examine its impact today. So let me simply say God does not change in His love and commitment to us. God does not renege on His word or promises. When God gets into a relationship with you, He refuses to abandon you. (How Firm a Foundation – author unknown)

Our world is so uncertain. Things & people change without notice. Many contracts have clauses in them that allow them to change with little or no notice.

The old saying goes: the only constant is change

In this maelstrom of change and uncertainty we have the rock-solid assurance from God that He does not change. He will not change. This attribute of God is the grounds for two marvelous assurances.

- I. Preserves Us from Destruction / Preservation from Destruction/
Reality of Preservation 6-7a
 - A. We Constantly Court Destruction 7a
 - B. God Consistently Provides/ Ensures Our Preservation 6
The ground / Foundation of Preservation

- II. Welcomes Us from Our Wanderings / The Possibility of
Restoration 7
 - A. God Invites Us Back
 - B. We Must Accept God's Invitation
The Root / Foundation of Restoration
Illustrated by the Prodigal Son
Disrespected His Father
Disgraced His Family (Distanced Himself)
Debased Himself
He has gone too far. He has crushed and burnt his bridges behind him. He has destroyed any possibility of reconciliation.
No!
Because of our steadfast God, FULL restoration is possible
Enthusiastic Restoration
Joyful restoration is possible

BECAUSE GOD DOES NOT CHANGE

We Have the Reality of Preservation

We Have the Possibility of Restoration