

Unchangeable

But he is unchangeable; who can oppose him? He does what he desires. He will certainly accomplish what he has decreed for me, and he has many more things like these in mind. ~ Job 23:13-14

Discover the Context Job 23



When you are in a time of pain or fear and God seems distant you need to help your feelings catch up to your theology. God's word is powerful, and although he will not change he gives us the grace to change. Maybe you need a reminder of who God is as you step out into whatever is next. Check out A.W. Tozer's book, *The Attributes of God*.



“Were all humans suddenly to become blind, still the sun would shine by day and the stars by night, for these owe nothing to the millions who benefit from their light. So were every man on earth to become an atheist, it could not affect God in any way. He is what he is in himself without regard to any other. To believe in him adds nothing to his perfections; to doubt him takes nothing away.”
~ A.W. Tozer
(1897-1963)

After years of working in outdoor adventure I have learned a couple things. One is that many people are afraid of heights—and I mean many! Screaming, sobbing, and freezing up are pretty standard at the zip line and rappel station.

Second, and much more importantly, a person's fear does not negate the effectiveness of the equipment. Your skepticism or lack of confidence has absolutely no impact on the ropes, harnesses, and hardware—they are going to work whether you think they will or not. And that is a great comfort when you are scared to death on the side of a cliff.

This passage from the story of Job teaches a similar lesson about God. He is going to do what he is going to do—he is utterly unchangeable. Job thought he could convince God to change his mind, and long story short, Job found out he was mistaken. We can complain and question and argue, but God's plan will proceed.

God is unchanging because he is omniscient and omnipresent. He knows everything, everywhere, for all eternity. God doesn't deal with uncertainties. He never says, “Wow, I didn't expect that!” God knows what is going to happen tomorrow, ten years from now, and in ten thousand years. There is no reason for him to change his plans because there is never any new information to cause him to change.

God's character will never change. He is absolutely good and driven by love—all the time. God doesn't have bad days, and he is never capricious. Every decision he makes is an expression of his love. We may not understand it as such, and sometimes it may not seem loving, but God cannot act in any way other than love.

No matter how hard life gets or how painful your circumstances are, God's plan is perfect—this is an unchangeable truth. And that is a great comfort when you are scared to death, whether you are on the side of a cliff or not. [RRL]