

Sermon Title: Summer Series 24: Immutability of God **Scripture:** Hebrews 13:8; Malachi 3:6-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17

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- 1. How was your Fourth of July and holiday weekend?
- 2. In what ways have you changed in your life? If you are a Christian, how have you noticed God's change upon your life?
- 3. Think of the person you have the closest relationship with. How have they changed or have not changed in the time you have known them?
- 4. The Immutability of God means that God is "not capable, subject, or susceptible to change or variation in form or quality or nature." Is this how you have thought of God? Why or why not?
- 5. Hebrews 13:8 says, "God is the same yesterday and today and forever." Last week, when we discussed the Eternity of God, we shared how God is "a dwelling place in all generations" (Psalm 90:1-2). How does Hebrews 13:8 expand our understanding of the Eternity and Immutability of God?
- 6. A.W. Tozer shares, "God never changes moods or cools off in His affections or loses enthusiasm. His attitude toward sin is the same as it was when He drove out the sinful man from the eastward garden, and His attitude toward the sinner is the same as when He stretched forth His hands and cried, 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'" What does this quote mean to you?
- 7. Malachi 3:6-7 highlights how we view our relationship with God. "For I the Lord do not change... You have turned aside." How does this influence how you interpret when someone (or yourself) says, "God feels distant"?
- 8. Malachi continues by saying, "Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts." Repentance is often described as a change in direction. Malachi indicates it is returning back to God where we left Him. What does repentance mean to you in light of these verses?
- 9. God, who does not change, offers to you and I eternal change (transformation). 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, behold the new has come."