

GOD

Nature &  
Perfections

# **PERFECTIONS**

- **All His qualities are perfect**
- **Not a part of God but what God is**
- **He is more than sum of perfections**
- **Known only thru revelation**
- **Describe Father, Son, & HS**

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**GOD'S**

**IMMUTABILITY**

# MISCONCEPTIONS

1. God changes plan as needed
2. After Fall salvation initiated
3. Immutability = immobility
4. Open Theism

# OPEN THEISM

- Stresses man's freedom
- Decisions contingent on man
- Knows only some of future
- Responsive to man
- Changes as man changes
- Prayer changes God's direction

**Does God revise  
His plan?**

**How does prayer  
affect God?**

**GOD DOES  
NOT...**

Andromeda

**Change in His  
Essence &  
Purposes**

# **Immutability**

## **1. Unchanging in His Essence**



**“All that God is He has always been, & all that He has been & is He will ever be. ...**

**To say that God is immutable is to say that He never differs from Himself”**

**Tozer**

**“As an infinite & absolute Being, self-existent & absolutely independent, God is exalted above all causes of and even above the possibility of change.”**

**Hodge**

**Ps 102:26-27** “Even they will perish, but  
Thou dost **endure**; And all of them  
will wear out like a garment; Like  
clothing Thou wilt change them, and  
they will be changed. “But Thou art  
the **same**, And Thy years will not  
come to an end.

**Mal 3:6** “For I, the Lord, **do not change**;  
therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not  
consumed.

# **Immutability**

- 1. Unchanging in His Essence**
- 2. Unchanging in His Attributes**

**Ps 104:31 Let the glory of the  
LORD endure forever; ...**

**Jas 1:17 ... the Father of lights,  
with whom there is no  
variation, or shifting  
shadow.**

# **Immutability**

- 1. Unchanging in His Essence**
- 2. Unchanging in His Attributes**
- 3. Unchanging in His Decrees**

**Ps 33:11 The counsel of the  
LORD stands forever, The  
plans of His heart from  
generation to generation.**

# **Immutability**

- 1. Unchanging in His Essence**
- 2. Unchanging in His Attributes**
- 3. Unchanging in His Decrees**
- 4. Unchanging in His Purposes**



**Ps 110:4 The Lord has sworn and  
will not change His mind, ...**

**Heb 6:17... the unchangeableness  
of His purpose, ...**

# **Immutability**

- 1. Unchanging in His Essence**
- 2. Unchanging in His Attributes**
- 3. Unchanging in His Decrees**
- 4. Unchanging in His Purposes**
- 5. Never inconsistent**
- 6. Never growing**

**Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the  
same yesterday and today,  
yes and forever.**

# ALL OTHERS

➤ Heavens

➤ Earth

➤ Sinners

➤ Angels

➤ Believers

All is unstable

Only God is Stable

Jupiter &  
Ganymede



# God Changing???

- Creation
- Repenting



**Gen 6:6 The Lord was *sorry* that  
He had made man on the  
earth, and He was *grieved* in  
His heart.**

# RESOLUTION

- Prioritize clear passages
- Apparent repentance -  
Num 23:19, 1Sam15:29



# God Changing???

- Creation
- Repenting
- Changing directions





**Ex 32:14 So the Lord changed His  
mind about the harm which He  
said He would do to His people.**

# RESOLUTION

- **Prioritize clear passages**
  - **Apparent repentance -**  
**Num 23:19, 1Sam15:29**
  - **Anthropomorphic**  
**changes**
  - **Conditional**  
**situations -** **Jonah 3:4, 10**
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**Jer 18:7-10** “At **one moment** I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy it; **8 if** that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will **relent** concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it. **9** “Or at another moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to build up or to plant it; **10 if** it does evil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I **will think better** of the good with which I had promised to bless it.

# God Changing???

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  - Changing directions
  - Incarnation - Phil 2:6-7
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**Phil 2:6-7** who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but **emptied Himself,** **taking the form** of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

# God Changing???

- Creation
  - Repenting
  - Changing directions
  - Incarnation - Phil 2:6-7
  - Change after conversion
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# **IMPLICATIONS**

- **Decrees will never change**
- **Science is possible**
- **Love never reversed**
- **Believer eternally secure**
- **Perseverance needed**

**We are  
eternally  
secure in  
His plan!!**

