

CAUTION

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HEBREWS

Golden
Gate

Heb 13:7-8

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MATURITY

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 - b. Immutability of Jesus** **13:8**

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MISCONCEPTIONS

- 1. God changes plan as needed**
- 2. After Fall salvation initiated**
- 3. Immutability = immobility**

**Does God revise
His plan?**

**How does prayer
affect God?**

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

GOD DOES NOT...

Andromeda

Change in His Essence & Purposes

Immutability

- **Unchanging in His Being**
- **Unchanging in His Decrees**
- **Unchanging in His Purposes**
- **Never inconsistent**
- **Never growing**

“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 & 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.

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

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

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- 1. Remembering ministry of Mature**
- 2. Following example of Mature**
- 3. Stability from Christ's Immutability**

A photograph of a sunset over the Sea of Galilee. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering golden path of light across the dark water. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds tinged with orange and yellow. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a hillside with some sparse vegetation is visible.

**Christ is our Rock,
our stability!!!**

Sea of Galilee from Kursi