

God Never Changes: The Immutability of God  
*Who is God?*

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## **THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE**

*Context:*

Saul was the people's choice to be king in Israel. He chose popularity over God and so he was deposed and replaced with David. Though it appears as though God changed course, he was actually working out his plan all along. David was his choice. He was a man after God's own heart.

Likewise, things are changing in our culture. Covid-19, racial riots following the unjust death of George Floyd, and other trials can cause us to shrink back in fear. But be encouraged that while everything else seems to be changing at warp speed, God never changes.

### **Key Scripture -**

#### **1 Samuel 15:24-31**

<sup>24</sup>Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. <sup>25</sup>Now therefore, please pardon my sin and return with me that I may bow before the LORD." <sup>26</sup>And Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you. For you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel." <sup>27</sup>As Samuel turned to go away, Saul seized the skirt of his robe, and it tore. <sup>28</sup>And Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you. <sup>29</sup>And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may bow before the LORD your God." <sup>31</sup>So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul bowed before the LORD.

## DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. Samuel made sure Saul knew that God's decision to change kings was not an act of confusion or regret. The Lord had chosen David to be king all along. Why is it important to believe that God never changes? What would the world be like if he did?
2. The *immutability* of God means that God cannot change his character. What are some of the things you appreciate most about God? Why are they important to you? What would your life be like if these attributes changed or disappeared?
3. In the midst of Covid-19, injustice, and racial unrest, how does God's immutability give you hope? How does it increase your faith?

## NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC

Next Week: First week of onsite services during the pandemic.

*Counting Others More Important than Yourself as we Gather During Covid-19*

*Philippians 2:1-11*

