

The Unchangeables

*God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should change his mind.
Does he speak and then not act?
Does he promise and not fulfil? (Numbers 23:19)*

Change. It's one of those unpredictable facts of life - everything is subject to change, and we've probably never been more conscious of how unpredictable life can be. For us as a family, much of lockdown has felt like Groundhog Day (breakfast time, cartoon time, garden time, snack time, story time, lunchtime time, walk in the woods time, tea time, bath time, bed time, repeat!) - yet despite the repetitiveness, from one day to the next, it's very possible that our mood, or our outlook on life, or a million other things about us might change. Our inconsistency is part of what makes us human. But not God. That *God is not human*, is one of the greatest pieces of news we could hear. God is immutable, he does not change. In Psalm 102 God is contrasted with his creation:

*"You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,
but you are the same, and your years have no end." (Psalm 102:26-27)*

We have found it encouraging to be reminded of the unchangeables. And they all stem from the unchanging God. When God gives a promise, he keeps his word. That's good news because no one has received more promises from God than the Christian - every moment of every day God's attitude towards us in Christ does not change. He loves us, he forgives us, he accepts us, he blesses us - all because of our unchangeable union with Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8)

Here is our stability in the shifting sands of life in 2020: the unchanging, promise-keeping Saviour-God.

We hope you are all well and encouraged in Christ

With much love

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