

“The God Who Does Not Change” (Malachi)

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Zechariah gives us a glimpse of what is to come. Malachi says, “It is time to get back to reality. You have work to do and practical matters for which to attend.”

If we are going to have stability in our lives, we must build into our lives the fundamental principles of God, and we must remember the root of those principles; God does not change.

Because of who God is and because of God’s unchanging nature, we can have hope and stability in our lives.

The people were becoming apathetic. This is the great challenge of the church today. Not atheism, but apathy.

When a group of people face a common enemy, they tend to bond together under a shared and defined vision. But as soon as that enemy is defeated, or a common objective is achieved, they fall away, divide, and become...apathetic.

The attitude of the people in Malachi’s day had drastically changed from the time when they faced hostile opposition. The immediate danger is overcome and God is slowly pushed into the background.

But the people diminish God by withholding the best and giving to God only what was leftover, or only what they thought they could afford.

The church of Jesus Christ is governed more by psychology than theology.

Psychology has to do with how I feel about myself. Theology has to do with what God says about himself.

The unchanging God is unchanging in his love toward his people.

This is a simple message to God’s people: When you are in Christ, you are secure in all the eternal purposes of God and you can be sure of this – you are the beneficiary of his love. And his love is unchanging.

Do not look at your immediate circumstances to determine whether or not God loves you. Rather, look at the character of God revealed in the Scriptures.

God’s love is unchanging and God’s purposes are unchanging.

What are the ultimate purposes of God? They are revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The prophets have shown us: Those who remain in a covenant relationship with God will be preserved through his judgements. Those who are not will suffer his fiery indignation.

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