## The Nature of God

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Q: What is God like? What are some things that scripture tells us about Him?

A: Below are three <u>fundamental</u> characteristics about God that you can rely on and accept as truth:

## God Doesn't Lie

<u>TITUS 1:2 NKJ</u><sup>2</sup> in hope of eternal life which God, <u>who cannot</u> <u>lie</u>, promised before time began, .....

<u>HEBREWS 6:18 NKJ</u> <sup>18</sup> that by two immutable things, in which <u>it is impossible for God to lie</u>, we might have strong consolation, .....

Q: What? God can't lie? But I thought that God can do anything that he wants!

A: This is something that God has imposed upon Himself.

We have two scripture verses that say the same thing: <u>God cannot lie</u>. This means that God, <u>who can do whatever he wants</u>, must be obligated to <u>someone</u> so he can't lie. But who could God obligate himself to? Who is higher than God? God, obligated Himself to <u>Himself</u>. He has done this before, with Abraham:

<u>HEBREWS 6:13 NKJ</u> **13** For when God made a promise to Abraham, <u>because He could swear</u> by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying......

Therefore, as scripture says, if God cannot lie then he has obligated Himself to, <u>Himself!</u>

Yes! The God of the New Testament is the same God that is in the Old Testament.

## God Doesn't Change

MALACHI 3:6 NKJ <sup>6</sup> "For I *am* the LORD, **I do not change**; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.



Q: Food for thought: If God doesn't change throughout the Bible, then why do we know Him as a "loving" God in the New Testament, but also as an "angry" and "vengeful" God in the Old Testament???

A: The answer is another lesson by itself, but for now, rest assured that what God said in Malachi is true, because <u>God doesn't lie</u> (nor does he change!). OVER!

There is no iniquity with God. Everyone is the same to God, and nobody is better or worse than anyone else.

## God Doesn't Play Favorites

2 CHRON 19:7 NKJ <sup>7</sup> Now therefore, let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take care and do *it*, <u>for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes.</u>"

Everyone means <u>everyone</u> here. To God, there is no difference between righteous followers, criminals, tax collectors, rich people, beggars, bad Kings, and everyone in between. Each life is "worthy" to God, and Jesus redeemed everyone's sins when he died:

<u>2 COR 5:14-15 NKJ</u> <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if <u>One died for all</u>, then all died; <sup>15</sup> <u>and He died for all</u>, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Regardless of who we are as people, and  $\underline{all}$  of the bad things we have done, as long as we believe in Jesus, we  $\underline{ARE}$  forgiven and we  $\underline{WILL}$  see heaven – quaranteed!

<u>1 THESS 4:13-14 NKJ</u> <sup>13</sup> But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, <u>even so God will bring with Him those</u> who sleep in Jesus.

JOHN 3:16 NLT <sup>16</sup> "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that **everyone** who believes in him will not perish **but have eternal life**.

JOHN 11:25 NKJ <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. <u>He who</u> believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.