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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Holding on to, "God's Unchanging Hand."

MALACHI 3:6 NKJV – (6) For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

What exactly does this verse mean? He (God) changes not – He has an unchangeable hatred to sin: and His long suffering also changes not, therefore you are not consumed in your sins. Not consumed - God is the same in His wisdom to order the rewards of good and bad in the fittest season, therefore neither the one nor the other are consumed, but preserved to the season appointed of God.

Man has become weary of man's wickedness and waywardness. We are impatient of one another, readily despair of one another. God might justly have cast off them and us; but He changes not. He abides by the covenant which He made with their fathers; He consumed them not; but with His own unchangeable love awaited their repentance. Our hope is not in ourselves, but in God.

What is the immutability of God? The immutability of God (His quality of not changing) is clearly taught throughout Scripture. For example, in **Malachi 3:6** God affirms, "I the Lord do not change." (See also **Numbers 23:19**; **1 Samuel 15:29**; **Isaiah 46:9-11**; and **Ezekiel 24:14**). **James 1:17** also teaches the immutability of God: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning." The Bible is clear that God does not change His mind, His will, or His nature.

Do you realize that each day that we awake to the opportunity to know the one true and living God? He is only a prayer away and even though He is not visibly seen to us, it is by faith in Him and what is said in His Holy Word (the "Bible") that we reach out.

SCRIPTURE READING

NUMBERS 23:19

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Faith is not blind, Faith is your sight, therefore, set on Jesus!