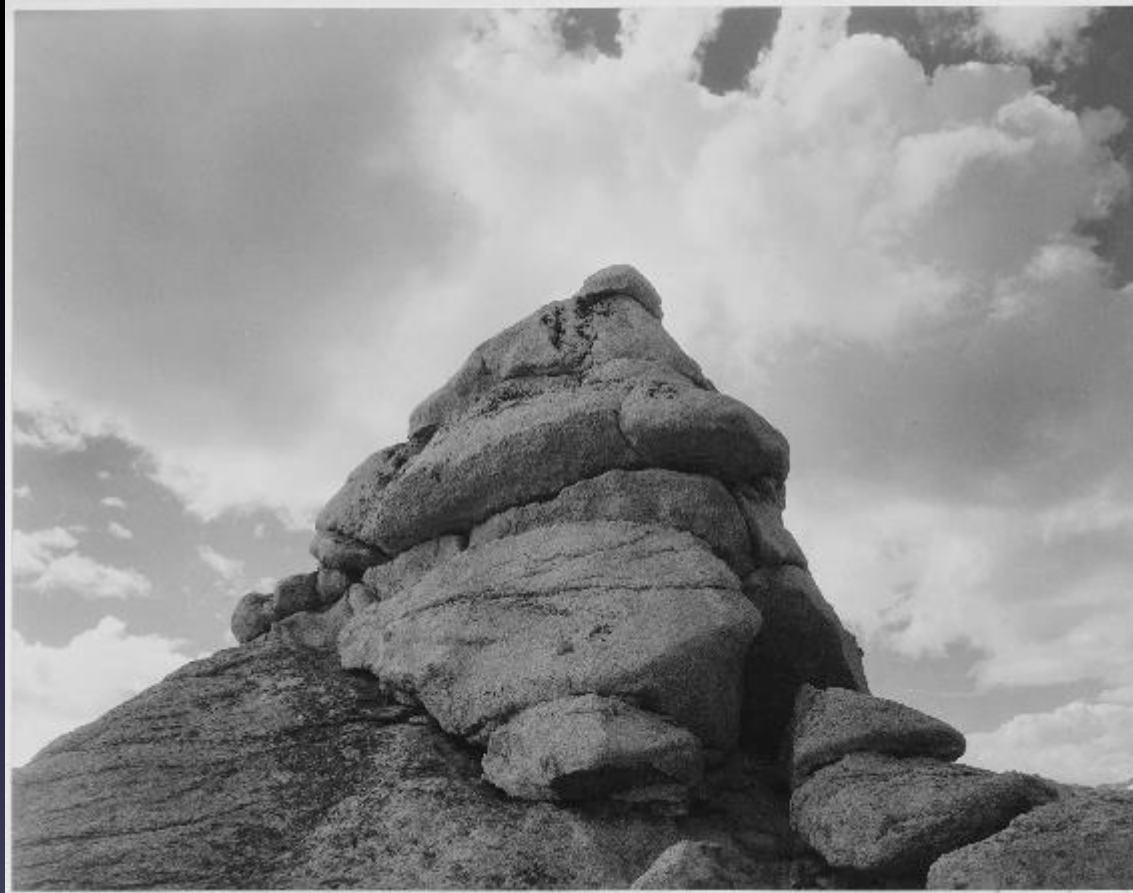
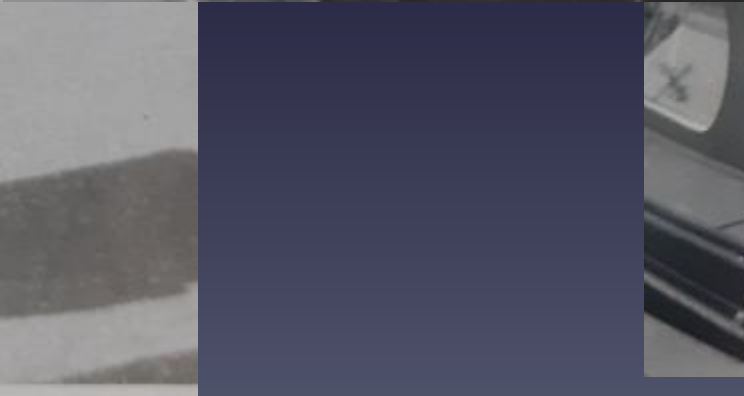
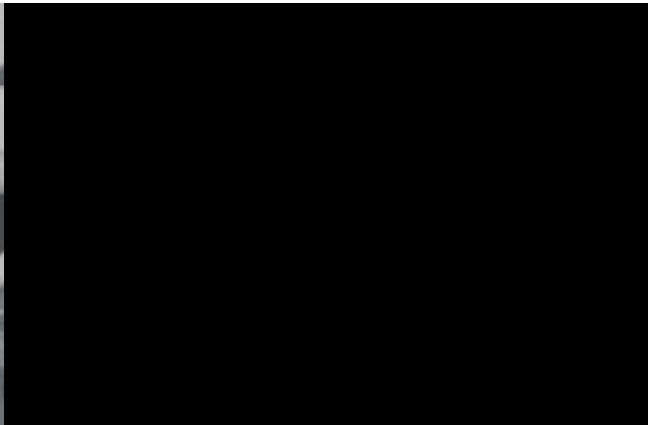
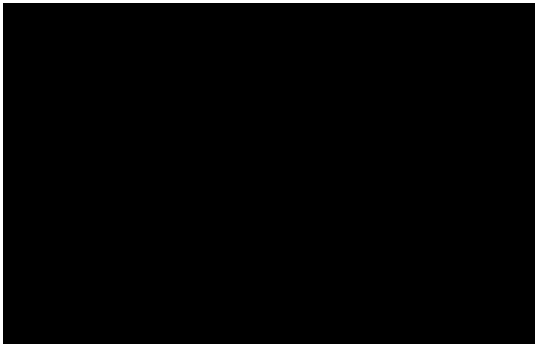


# GOD IS UNCHANGING



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“ CHANGE IS PART OF LIFE

# GOD IS UNCHANGING

*In the course of my life he broke my strength;  
he cut short my days.*

*So I said:*

*"Do not take me away, my God, in the midst of my days;  
your years go on through all generations.*

*In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.*

# GOD IS UNCHANGING

*They will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment.*

*Like clothing you will change them  
and they will be discarded.*

***But you remain the same,  
and your years will never end."***

Psalm 102:23-27

# GOD IS UNCHANGING

*"I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.*

Malachi 3:6-7

# GOD IS UNCHANGING

*Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, **who does not change** like shifting shadows.*

James 1:16-17

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“ WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SAY THAT GOD IS  
UNCHANGING?



# GOD IS UNCHANGING

*'God is unchanging in **his being, perfections, purposes and promises**, yet God does act and feel emotions and he acts and feels differently in response to different situations.'*

Louis Berkhof Systematic Theology.

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“ HIS BEING

“ HIS PERFECTIONS

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# GOD IS UNCHANGING

“ BUT GOD SEEMS TO CHANGE!

# GOD IS UNCHANGING

*Who knows God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not be punished.” (Jonah 3:9)*

*When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened. (3:10)*

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*This is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish .*

*I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God,  
slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents  
from sending calamity. (4:2)*

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“ IS GOD DIFFERENT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT  
FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT?

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*I think there is an intention that the Old Testament look bleak, sin look horrible, God look just, and that there be much less mercy, proportionate to what you see in the three years of the ministry of Jesus. And that's intentional.*

*This is what God's heart is to the world right now. Come!*

*And then the New Testament closes with another Old Testament. The Book of Revelation is horrific!*

*So we're in a window right now.     John Piper*



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*...our ancestors, became arrogant and stiff-necked, and they did not obey your commands. They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery.*

*But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them...*

Nehemiah 9:16-17

# GOD IS UNCHANGING

*"When Israel was a child, **I loved him,***

*and out of Egypt I called my son.*

*But the more they were called,*

*the more they went away from me.*

*They sacrificed to the Baals*

*and they burned incense to images.*

***It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,***

***taking them by the arms;***

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*but they did not realize*

*it was I who healed them.*

*I led them with cords of human kindness,  
with ties of love .To them I was like one who lifts  
a little child to the cheek  
and I bent down to feed them...*

# GOD IS UNCHANGING

*My people are determined to turn from me.*

*Even though they call me God Most High,*

*I will by no means exalt them.*

***'How can I give you up...?'***

# GOD IS UNCHANGING

***My heart is changed within me;  
all my compassion is aroused.***

*I will not carry out my fierce anger,  
nor will I devastate Ephraim again.*

*For I am God, and not a man –*

*the Holy One among you,*

*I will not come against their cities.”*

Hosea 11: 1-4, 7-9

# GOD IS UNCHANGING

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and  
forever.*

Hebrews 13:8

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*Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. **Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have,***

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***because God has said,***

*'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'*

***So we say with confidence,***

*'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.*

*What can mere mortals do to me?'*



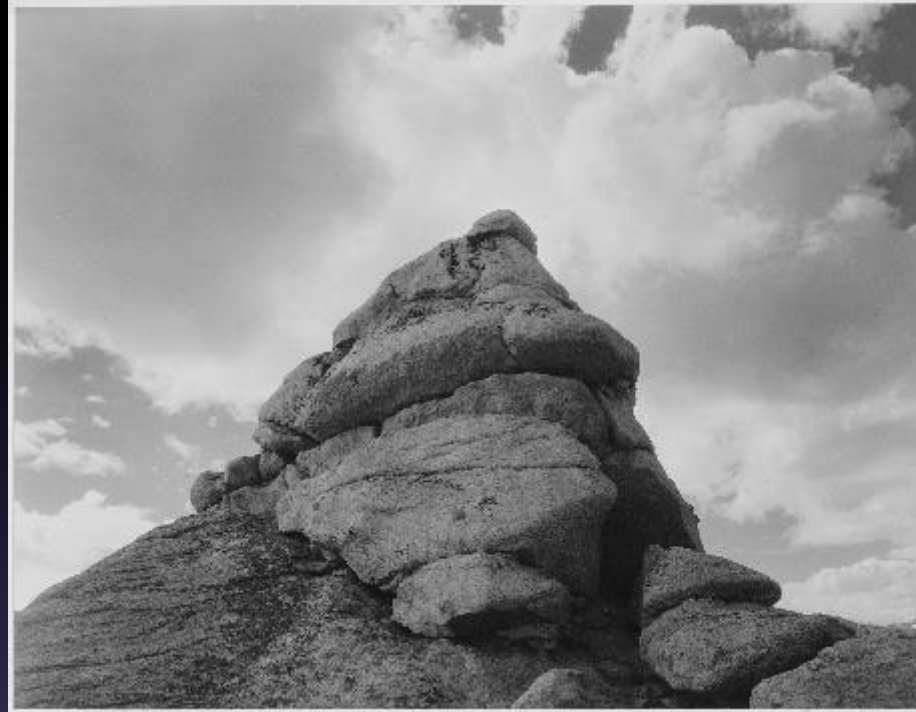
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***Remember your leaders***, who spoke the word of God to  
***you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and***  
***imitate their faith.***

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***forever.***

Hebrews 13:4-8

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- “ COMFORT when we feel overwhelmed by change.
- “ STRENGTH for the challenges that change always brings.