

**Malachi 3:6**  
**Changeless: The Immutability of God**

**Introduction: There is a Season, Turn, Turn, Turn**

1. Everything Changes in this World
2. Everything tends to go from Order to Disorder
3. Mutation in the Science Realm
4. Change for the Better... Change for the Worse
5. We serve a God Who Never Changes

**Main Idea of the Text:**

**Although, man is inconsistent and faithless, God is Not. This is Great News for those in Christ. This is Terrible News for those outside of Christ.**

**Review of Last Week: God Is A Fire (3:1-5)**

1. God Refines His People with Fire
2. God Consumes the Wicked with Fire
3. Pain and Suffering Are Part of God's Refining Sanctification of His People in this Life
4. Never is Our Pain or Suffering an Accident!
5. This is important for understanding **Malachi 3:6**

**Man is Mutable: Man Changes, This World Changes**

1. Man is in a State of Constant Flux, Culture, Morals
2. Health, Riches, Friends, Our Minds, Decay, Death
3. Government, Technology, Angels, Best of Believers
4. Illustration: Hosanna Changed to Crucify!
5. Essence of the Old Covenant and the New Covenant: Blood of Goats and Bulls → One Sacrifice by Christ for All who Believe
6. Essence of Salvation: From Old Man to the New Man
7. Essence of Repentance of Sin: Go from evil to good, unbelief to faith, Conformed to the Image of Christ (**2 Corinthians 3:18, Acts 17:28a**)
8. Essence of Redeeming Creation: Heavens and Earth will Pass away → A New Heaven and Earth will be Established

9. Illustration: Psalm 102:1-12, 25-27

**God is Immutable: He Does Not Change (Verse 6a)**

1. His Being (**Rev 1:4, Js 1:17, Ex 3:14**)
2. His Word (**Lk 21:33, Is 40:8, Num 23:19, Lk 16:17**)
3. His Plans & Purposes (**Prov 19:21, Ps 33:11, Is 14:27, Job 42:2, Is 46:9-10**)
4. His Attributes – Wisdom, Knowledge, Power, Love, Holiness, Justice, Wrath, Goodness, Truth
5. The Problem: **Gen 6:5-6, 1 Sam 15:11, Ex 32:11-14**
  - a. **Gen 6 & 1 Sam 15:** What does it mean when Scripture says, “God repented” or “God changed His mind”?
  - b. **Heresy of Open Theism:** “Well God does not know the future!” (**1 Sam 15:11 → 29**)
  - c. **Heresy of Reducing God to Creaturely Status:** Some have said, “God seems to repent or relent as a human would when given Counsel from another created being.” (**Ex 32**)
6. God knows all things, even the future grief He will experience. All of it is planned and purposeful and works out according to His will. (**Eph 1:11**)

**The Gospel in Malachi (Verse 6b)**

1. God's People are fickle and faithless
2. But God set His Unchanging Love on Us
3. Therefore, we Are Not Consumed
4. You and I are recipients of the New Covenant in Christ sealed by His Blood
5. Therefore, We as Sinners Saved By Grace, Will Not Be Consumed
6. **John 3:16**