Devotion #267

**God Will Always Be God**

**Hebrews 1:10-12 (NASB)** *“You, lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; and they all will become old like a garment, and like a mantle you will roll them up; like a garment they will also be changed. But you are the same, and your years will not come to an end."*

Have you ever had someone say to you, “My how you have changed”. Or hopefully their statement was something like this, “My, you haven’t changed a bit.” We all know that the first statement is the most accurate. The reality is you and I do change. As we get older, we begin to see not only the internal changes in our thinking and way of doing things, we even begin to see external changes. Each morning as I stand in front of the mirror I see changes to my face that I don’t want to see. My hair is thinning and my face is starting to reflect an older man. I know people don’t mean it when they say, “You haven’t changed a bit.”, because when I tell someone how old I am, they don’t flinch. I have asked my wife, “Why don’t people react when I tell them we have grandchildren, or that I am almost fifty-seven years old? We just laugh because we know we are changing. This past year, we have watched much change. Businesses have changed, some for the good and some not so good. I was in a store the other day where the person in charge said if you want that item it will be a year before we can get it. We are watching as people make more and more changes with their lives, some for the good and some, not so.

There is one comforting fact in all this change in us and our world. God never changes. That’s what He says. The writer to the Hebrews used a passage from the Psalms to make his point. Verses ten through twelve are taken from Psalm 102:25-27 as a way to point to Christ being God. When the Psalmist wrote the Psalm, Jesus had not come to earth yet, but when the writer to the Hebrews wrote his letter, Jesus had come and gone back to heaven. So as a way to point to fulfilled prophecy, the writer to the Hebrews picks up the verse from Psalm 102. And that message is clear. Let’s substitute the word “Jesus” everywhere there is a reference to Him to make the point. “*And, Jesus, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Jesus’s hands. They will perish but Jesus will remain; and they all will become old like a garment, and like a mantle Jesus will roll them up; like a garment they will also be changed. But Jesus is the same, and Jesus’s years will not come to an end*.”

As much as you and I, businesses, and the world changes, Jesus is and always has been Lord of all. This is very, very significant because there are many who have said that either Jesus was not God in the Old Testament or that He was not the same God. Meaning, He has changed. But that is not true according to His own words. He never changes and will always be God. Again, what that means is, you and I have no right or substantial reason to make Him anyone other that who He is. He is God. The God who created the heavens and the earth and all that is right and true.

One of the many problems our sin nature causes us is that we want to change God or we want Him to change His view on things. And mostly that is because we want an excuse to continue to live the way we are living or to feel better about the way we are living. For example, people will often say, “I know this is wrong, but I….” They understand internally that God has made clear what is right and wrong yet they want to find some way around that. But God never changes. He never has a moment when he sees us doing something or hears us make some comment and says, “Hmm, I better think about that again or I better rethink what I said about that”. No, God never has to rethink or redo anything. He has been who He is from the beginning. Why? Because He never changes. And since He never changes, it is you and I who need to change. We need to be the ones to conform to His righteous standards, not the other way around.

Beloved, don’t make excuses for what you think is right or not right. Don’t try to change God or His Word or what He has declared. Our job is to worship Him for who He is - the never-changing God – and let Him change us.