



THE TRUMPET

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Matthew 3:2-4

"GOD IS IMMUTABLE"

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What does God's immutability mean to a believer? A believer that walks with God in continuous obedience and follows after Him in faith will be filled with hope, an earnest expectation, and a comforting assurance that this unchanging God will indeed fulfill all that He has promised in His word.

Let us take a look at an example or two in the Scriptures to understand this glorious attribute of God.

GOD'S UNCHANGING NATURE BEGINS WITH HIS PROMISE TO HIS BELOVED!

God is immutable and a believer will have to walk with God and experience Him over a period of time to have a full understanding of this powerful revelation in his/her spirit.

Let us take a look at the example of Abraham who received the promise from God: *"For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, 'Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.' And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us" (Hebrews 6:13-18).*

Please allow me to elaborate on the 40-year long journey Abraham had with God in the above passage so as to help you understand:

- First God made a promise to Abraham when he was living in Ur that *"He would make of him a great nation"* (Genesis 12:2). Abraham was 75 years old when he received the promise.
- Then God fulfilled that promise partly when He brought Isaac into the home of

Abraham and Sarah. Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 years old when Isaac was born as the son of the promise! 25 years have passed since Abraham began his journey of faith in God.

- When Isaac grew up to be a teenager, God commanded Abraham to offer up Isaac as a sacrifice upon the altars of Moriah. Abraham did the most unimaginable thing – he obeyed God without question. It was when Abraham surrendered his son upon the altars of Moriah that God spoke to Abraham from heaven and confirmed His promise that He gave him some 40 years earlier when Abraham began his journey with God except that at this time the same promise was given back to Abraham by an oath: *"By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies"* (Genesis 22:16-17).
- First a promise and later an oath!
- God had spoken once and now God had spoken twice! The two immutable things are His promise and His oath to His beloved Abraham!

Abraham's story is an example to every believer of God to come to know Him as God of the promise and as the God of the fulfillment of that same promise.

We too must begin a journey of belief in God. The journey to get to know the unchanging nature of God begins with our simple belief in God! Though it will take time for us to come to the understanding that God is unchanging, we will most certainly get there when we begin with our firm belief in God!

FAITH FOLLOWS BELIEF!

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

Our world is constantly changing. Governments change; people change over the years; the culture of the past is almost non-existent not only here in the United States but everywhere around the world. As the world tosses and tumbles with change, there is a comforting thought that sustains those of us who believe in God – GOD NEVER CHANGES! *"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow"* (James 1:17).

The word gives us insight into the various attributes of God – God is the God of Wisdom, Knowledge and Power; He is the God of Infinity; He is a Sovereign God; He is the God of Holiness; He is Omniscient, Omnipresent and Omnipotent; He is the God of Faithfulness and Love; He is Self-Existent and Self-Sufficient; He is the God of Justice; He is God Eternal, Invisible, Incomprehensible and Unsearchable; He is the God of Mercy, Goodness, Grace and Truth; He is the God of Jealousy.

One of the attributes of our awesome God is that God is Immutable – meaning that He never changes. What God has promised He will deliver! His personality never changes and neither do His principles! God's word from Malachi 3:6: *"For I am the LORD, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."* A New Testament parallel to this promise: *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever"* (Hebrews 13:8).

It is a troublesome scene that nations are rising up against nations and communities against communities. Hatred has increased against God's Chosen People, the Jews and the Body of believers in Jesus Christ, all over the world. We live in a time when truth looks like a lie and vice versa. As God's holy remnant suffers all over the world they agonize as to how long God will tolerate the persecution of His saints. Take note that God is not to be mocked. He will fulfill upon the nations what He has promised from His word – a swift judgment and the establishment of Christ's rule. I can almost hear the sound of the angels in heaven: *"Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever'"* (Revelation 11:15).

You cannot come to the full understanding of God's Immutability without faith. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). God rewards those who believe in Him and diligently seek Him. That reward is the proof of your faith.

There is a vast difference between belief and faith. Believing does not warrant an action but faith does. Faith is an action verb. Faith is a substance and is both a fact and an act. Faith includes an action that follows your belief in God. Belief without an action does not give you a reward but faith does!

Belief followed by an act of obedience to God's command is FAITH!

Let me explain. John 1:12: "But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." When we believed in Jesus and received Him, we became the children of God. There is no salvation with just belief but there is, with the act of receiving Jesus into your heart. The act of receiving in addition to believing results in faith that ushers the believer into the "household of faith!"

Now read Hebrews 11, the chapter on godly examples of faith. Here are the actions of the heroes of faith in addition to their belief in God and in accordance to God's individual command to them:

- God framed the worlds by the Word of God.
- Abel believed and offered an excellent sacrifice to God.
- Enoch believed and walked with God.
- Noah believed, moved with fear and prepared an ark.
- Abraham believed, obeyed and offered up Isaac upon the altars.
- Isaac believed and blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.
- Jacob believed and wrestled with God.
- Joseph believed and dreamed. He left instructions to Israel concerning his bones when God would deliver them from Egypt some 400 years later, to take them to the land He had promised them through Abraham.
- Moses' parents believed and hid baby Moses for three months.
- Moses believed and forsook Egypt choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.
- Joshua believed and marched around Jericho and the walls came down.
- Rahab believed and received the spies into her home.
- Ruth believed and followed Naomi to the Promised Land.
- Esther believed and obeyed

Mordecai to become the queen of Persia.

- Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior came to represent heaven. He obeyed His Heavenly Father and died on the cross to bring salvation to all who believe and receive Him.

In all the above examples the actions of faith are also the actions of obedience (to God) by those individuals. They are different actions but of the same faith of God!

Coming back to the example of Abraham! Abraham offered up Isaac on the altars: "By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son" (Hebrews 11:17). Listen to the words of God from Genesis 22:12: "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

Notice God said to Abraham: "...now I know that you fear God!" Doesn't God know everything? He does! Then why did He make this statement? He did because Abraham just at that very moment offered the "proof of his obedience to God by following through with his act of obedience in laying up his son Isaac upon the altars as God commanded him." It is this very act of faith that impressed God and moved Him to pledge to Abraham with an oath that He would indeed bless him and multiply him!

I have heard the statistics that about 70 % of the Americans believe in God. A vast majority of people in the world believe in a "god." Does this mean that all 70 % are included in the household of faith? Absolutely not! Belief alone does not qualify you to become a child of God because even demons believe and tremble (James 2:19). One must have faith to take them to the revelation that God is immutable!

HOPE FOLLOWS FAITH!

"This was so that, by two unchangeable things [His promise and His oath] in which it is impossible for God ever to prove false or deceive us, we who have fled [to Him] for refuge might have mighty indwelling strength and strong encouragement to grasp and hold fast the hope appointed for us and set before [us]. [Now] we have this [hope] as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it--a hope] that reaches farther and enters into [the very certainty of the Presence] within the veil where Jesus has entered in for us [in advance]" (Hebrews 6:18-20, Amplified Bible).

Here are the steps in the journey of a believer's revelation of God's immutability.

- You believe in God's spoken command.
- You follow Him with an act of obedience – Faith.
- You hear the promises of God confirmed to you in your walk of obedience.
- The confirmation of God's voice brings a strong consolation and hope – an earnest expectation – that reaches into the very presence of God's Holy of holies and grabs hold of Him with the thought that He who promised you would never fail you nor will He ever forsake you!
- This is hope – that you know Him, believe in Him, follow Him and that you have His assurance that His promises will surely and without fail come to pass.
- Hope assists you in your journey of faith as you approach the revelation that God is immutable!

Abraham's life is an example to every believer to come to understand the God who never changes. Over the last four decades, I have come to know my God as my healer, deliverer, teacher, wise counselor, a loving Heavenly Father and a God who never changes. You cannot have this revelation overnight although you believe it with all your heart. But when your belief joins you with this revelation, your life is anchored once and for all. You will come to a place of no doubt, no fear, no wavering and no hesitation in following after God fully and not partially.

Satan attempts to tempt a believer to forget what they have heard from God. When he does not succeed, he will test your belief in God; when he further fails to discredit you in your belief, he will try to distract you from obeying God (you will be a believer but not a doer of the WORD); when you succeed in obeying God in all that He has commanded you to do, Satan's final tactics will be a persuasive one – to make you forget the Holy Spirit's call to a revelation of the one true God and the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for you. When this happens you will be like a ship in the midst of a storm without stability and rest. When you suddenly realize what the enemy has done and listen to the persuasion of the voice of the Holy Spirit from within you, the dust settles and you will see the pathway God has led you through over the years. The more you rehearse on the faithfulness of God and His promises to you from His holy word, the more you become settled with a strong confidence that the God whom you have believed in will keep you from falling and will surely lead you to your destination. Praise and worship flows from your grateful heart to a God who has never failed you! Satan cannot stand the worship and praise of God – he will flee from you for a season. When he returns and finds you in the same worshipful mode of God's immutability he leaves again for a longer period of time. Later when he returns, he finds you in a more advanced stage of your walk of trust in God. He knows that he has failed to persuade you. He is defeated!

A SAD WARNING!

God is not bound to fulfill His promises when a believer or a servant of God turns from Him and chooses a life of sin that dishonors God and His calling. There are sad examples throughout the Bible that illustrate this point.

One of such examples is the household of Eli, the high priest. Here's a sad indictment of God upon the household of Eli: *"Therefore the Lord, the God of Israel, says, I did promise that your house and that of your father [forefather Aaron] should go in and out before Me forever. But now the Lord says, Be it far from Me. For those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed" (I Samuel 2:30, Amplified Bible).*

God gave a promise to Aaron of an eternal priesthood. Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu died before the Lord when they took strange fire in their hand (Leviticus 10:1-2). Eli and his sons were descendants of Aaron through his son Ithamar. Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas disgraced their priestly offices with their abominable sins. Even Eli, the High Priest could not discern that Hannah was pouring her heart out in travailing prayer before God at the altars of Shiloh. He thought that she was drunk! God went back on His promise of priesthood to Eli's household, and instead, sent judgment upon them. Sadly, all three males of Eli's household died in one day (I Samuel 4:17-18).

Consider the following New Testament examples:

- The five foolish virgins did not make it to receiving the bridegroom though all of them had the promise, Matthew 25:12.
- The unprofitable servant was cast into "outer darkness...of weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25:30) though he was a chosen servant by his Master.
- The unforgiving and merciless servant who received forgiveness of his own debt but would not forgive a small debt that was owed him was turned over to the tormentors, Matthew 18:34.
- Though he was chosen to be one of twelve, Judas Iscariot hanged himself at the end, Matthew 27:5.
- Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit and died, Acts 5:5&10.
- The Apostle Paul delivered Hymenaeus and Alexander to Satan so "that they may learn not to blaspheme" (I Timothy 1:20).
- The message of Jesus to the Church at Laodicea: "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the

Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth" (Revelation 3:14-16).

The fulfillment of God's promises is based on a believer's obedience. Consider the following three Scriptures: *"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth" (Deuteronomy 28:1).*

"If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you" (Exodus 15:26).

"Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, ' Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land'" (Isaiah 1:18-19).

If your life is a life of continuous disobedience and dishonoring God, God is not bound to fulfill His promises that He had given you in the past. Avoid getting into this trap that the devil sets up for you. Believe what you hear from God fully; follow God with your obedience; faith arises as a result of your obedience; hope settles in because of what you have seen and heard and experienced in God; hope brings out from within you the praise and worship for our God who never changes; you arise with a shout in your heart, *"I know whom I have believed and I am fully persuaded that He will keep which I have committed in His holy hands against all odds of the enemy, against any storm and trial, against any discouragement and against anything that will come against me. My God never fails me nor will He forsake me!"*

EXPERIENCE GOD'S UNCHANGING NATURE!

You cannot experience God's un-changing nature overnight. It takes time as it did with the saints of the Bible. Because we live in the era of the Holy Spirit and in an accelerated time frame of God, God will restore things in a shorter time scale than what our Old Testament saints experienced. However, a believer must develop a consistent lifestyle of hearing God's voice to know of His unchanging nature.

Here are some of the valuable steps you may take for your consistent walk with God:

1) A Daily Exercise in God's Word & Prayer: God said to Israel: *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:11-13).*

Notice that God's thoughts are full of peace, promises for your future and full of hope. How can you get to know them without spending time with Him daily? When you seek Him on a consistent basis, you will find Him, hear Him and discern His voice as He speaks to you daily.

After four decades of walking with God if someone were to ask me to share with them the one thing I would command them to do as a believer this is what it would be – No matter your circumstances and situations, no matter your geographic location, no matter the demands of your life, **learn to spend at least two hours with God every day, possibly early in the morning. In those two hours, worship God and praise Him in His attributes and in those areas you have gotten to know Him and read God's word with an earnest expectation of hearing Him precisely for that day. Your prayer will be ineffective without God's holy counsel through His word. After reading and meditating upon God's word, pray for all of your loved ones and those whom God has placed on your heart. Do this daily no matter the obstacles. Once you do it for 60 days regularly, it will become a wonderful habit! Do it for two years! You will have answers from God that no theologian could give you! You will have the clarity and understanding of God through His word that no TV personalities can impart to you! I assure you of it!**

2) Believe What You Read in God's Word: Don't just read the word, believe it with all your heart. *"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them" (Mark 11:24).* The Bible is written specifically for you. It is God's holy covenant to a believer through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. You must approach it with that attitude. Forget about others. Be selfish in your time with God. Be very jealous about it. Read God's word with a passion and desire to eat all of it and meditate upon it. You must believe that God's word is His command to direct your steps daily and you must receive it fully within your heart.

3) Take a Step of Faith: *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).* Belief must be followed through with your act of obedience to



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“Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity; nor sworn deceitfully.” Psalm 24:3,4

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

God’s command – that is FAITH! What God has commanded you to do for that day, do it heartily without reservation or hesitation. God may ask you to give an offering that you had never given, or, He may ask you to visit someone you have been praying for, or, move to a different area to accept a position God has been leading you into, or, something else He would direct you to do. It is important to note that if you believe that God has asked you to do something which represents a complete change in your life/lifestyle (for example, marry a certain person: quit your job and start something new altogether: move to a new area without having a job, etc.) you have a right and obligation to ask God for confirmation by reputable godly witnesses. When God called me into the ministry, I asked and received confirmation through my precious wife. God instructed her with the same words that He had spoken to me and that settled it for me. When God commissioned me to build the Prayer Center that is rising up in the heart of Daytona Beach today, I sought for and received supernatural confirmation through seven godly witnesses! Remember faith is a fact and it is also an act. It is your act of obedience that will please God.

4) You Will Begin to Develop a Taste of God’s Goodness: *“I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth... I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears...This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his*

troubles...Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him” (Psalm 34:1,4,6&8). The Psalm of King David above shows a life of worshiping God, seeking Him with all his heart, crying out to Him in prayer and supplication and experiencing His goodness over the years. This type of life helps you develop a trust in God, a trust that cannot be swayed by the circumstances of times and seasons or the situations of the world. As you develop a consistent pattern of tasting God’s goodness your trust in Him emboldens and becomes stronger and stronger. You have arrived in the place where YOU KNOW GOD and know this in your inmost heart that HE WILL NEVER EVER FAIL YOU, NOR WILL HE EVER FORSAKE YOU!

5) Make it Become Your Lifestyle: God told Abraham: *“Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me” (Genesis 22:12).* After a 40 year journey with God and after offering God the proof of his ultimate obedience, God made this statement to Abraham and then pledged to Him with an oath that He would indeed bless him and his seed after him. Abraham knew that GOD WAS IMMUTABLE! Abraham’s consistent and constant lifestyle of obedience and trust in God led him to know of God’s unchanging nature so as to risk his life and that of Isaac. Abraham honored God and God honored Abraham! *“By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life” (Proverbs 22:4).*

*’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know “Thus saith the Lord”*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!*

Please pray with me: **“Heavenly Father, I come to You in the name of Your Precious Son, Jesus. Lord, I yield my life to You. I desire to know You in my inmost heart, soul and mind. Help me to hear You from Your word and believe in You. Give me a heart of obedience to trust You and follow You fully. My Gracious Father, I want to experience Your goodness, kindness, mercy and grace every day of my life. Even after experiencing Your greatness, help me to yield my life completely in humility to Your will. I pledge to You with a passion in my heart that I want this every day of my life. Help me to glorify You through my life so that I can know without any doubt that YOU NEVER CHANGE! YOU ARE IMMUTABLE!! In Jesus’ Holy Name, Amen!!!**

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Dearly Beloved in the Lord:

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus!

King David had a very special place in God's heart because of his thankfulness, gratitude and love for the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Listen to his admonition of his soul to praise and bless God: *"Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's"* (Psalm 103:1-5).

Hema and I are very grateful to report to you that our first daughter, Elizabeth, is married to Simon Gorter, a wonderful God-fearing young man! Elizabeth graduated with a doctorate in Pharmacy on May 7, 2010 and married on May 22, 2010. The newlyweds are living in Toronto, Canada at present. We would appreciate your continued prayers for them to build a nest filled with the peace and joy of the Lord.

Bethel's Global Prayer Center Building Progress: The outer shell for our 12,000 square foot Prayer Center is in place as you see in the following pictures. The parking lot, landscape, finishing of the site work and completion of the air-conditioning system still remain to be completed.



Current building as it is today.



Building as it will appear upon completion.

Hema and I want to thank you as you continue lifting this sacred project before the Lord in your daily prayers and helping us financially as the Lord alone will lead you and guide you. Soon the facilities will be completed and dedicated for the glory of God. Thanks to Him, it will be debt-free. You may continue to check on the progress of the building project on our web site below:

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Once again, Hema and I want to thank you for your support and prayers for this ministry. We pray that the blessings of God and His peace rest upon you and your household!

In Christ's Love,

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