

## Those Things That Are Eternal

### Introduction

- A. We are all very conscious of the reality of time and space. As mortals we are quite limited in space and in the process of time. We often find ourselves asking the question, "Is everything in the flux of time? Does everything have to change?"
- B. The Christian, because of his knowledge of the Bible, has an answer to this question of change. He knows that many things do not change. For the one who has received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, there are many relationships and possessions which are exempt from the inevitable toll of time.

### I. The Reign of God Does Not Change, Exodus 15:18.

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

Observation: This verse is a part of the song of Moses. He led the children of Israel in praise to God for their deliverance from the Egyptians and the miraculous passage of the Red Sea. God is praised for His sovereignty. This belief was not shared by the Egyptians and other pagans of that day. They thought different gods ruled over different areas of the world. (II Kings 5:17} 17:24,26) The Israelites knew the truth - there is only one God and He rules over all and forever.

### II. The Care of God for His Own Does Not Change, Deuteronomy 33:27.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms . . . .

Observation: This is the testimony of Moses after those many years of walking with and serving God. His life had not been an easy one\* As he looks back on his life, after reaching the age of 120, he is reminded of God's constant care. As he exhorts the children of Israel, who are about to go into the Land of Canaan, he reminds them of the constancy of God's care. They, like us, will be tempted to forget.

### III. The Person of God Does Not Change, Psalm 90:2.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and | the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

Observation: In the present day many well-meaning people believe that even God is caught up in a process of change. This concept is called process philosophy or theology. The Bible rejects this viewpoint. God, in His very nature, is eternal and unchangeable. Since God does not change, we have a certain basis of truth, love and holiness.

### IV. The Mercy and Truth of God Does Not Change, Psalm 100:5.

For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting and His truth endureth to all generations.

Observation: It is a comfort to know that once we have received the mercy of God: it will be ours forever. God does not change His mind and withdraw His mercy nor does His truth change.

V. The Remembrance of God for His Own Does Not Change, Psalm 112:6.

Surely he shall not be moved for ever, the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

Observation: We have all been forgotten - in some relationship or area of life. When we stand looking out the window for someone who has forgotten about us and who does not come - we can rejoice that God does not forget us. We are His people said are continually in His thoughts.

VI. The Word of God Does Not Change, Psalm 119:89.

For ever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven.

Observation: The term "settled" in this verse, means, "unalterably fixed". God's Word has been and eternally will be - the same. This great truth is a comfort to the Christian. We know that the premises of God will not fail, the commandments will not change, the exhortations remain the same - the entire basis of the Christian's life and thought is as certain and unchangeable as God Himself.

VII. The Christian life Does Not Change, Psalm 139:23,21\*.

Search me, O God and know my heart, try me, and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Observation: The "way" referred to in this verse has to do with the will of God for the believer. While every believer has been commissioned by God to serve in a different capacity from another believer - the will of God concerning the Christian life remains the same. We have all been called to walk in fellowship with God\* Therefore the pattern of the Christian life is the same for all of us. It is God Himself as He is absolute in truth, love and holiness.

VIII. The Truth is Upheld By God and Does Not Change, Psalm 11\*6:5\*6.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God, which made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is, which keepeth truth for ever.

Observation: This verse tells us why the truth does not change, God maintains it. If we ask what it is that keeps the promise of an honest person from failing - we realize immediately that it is the person who gave the promise. The strength and stability of the promises of God are found in God Himself. He maintains His Word.

IX. The Love of God Does Not Change, Jeremiah 31:3.

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Observation: We have all had a satisfying and fulfilling friendship suffer change. This will never happen in our relationship with God. His love for us is of an eternal nature. He cares for us as persons, He wants to take His rightful place in our lives and desires that we take our place in His, and He chooses to do right by us. This is the meaning of His love. His love is an action of self-giving and it will never change.

Conclusion: Now we see that we may not tolerate doubt and unbelief.