

Who Can Turn Him (Job 23:13)

When Moses asked God what he should say to the children of Israel when he told them that the God of their fathers had sent him unto them, God said unto him, "I AM THAT I AM..." Thus shalt thou say unto them, "I AM hath sent me unto you...this is my name forever, and this is my memorial unto all generations" (Exodus 3:14-15). And why did He say this about Himself? Because He is always what He is. For all eternity He has been what He is and who He is. He has never been more and He has never been less. He is what He is and that will never change. He is immutable, and that means He never changes. And not only does He never change but He cannot change, for if He did it would show Him not to be God. Change is inconsistent with the true nature of the Deity. Notice what He tells us in Malachi 3:6; "I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." Even the very survival of His elect depends upon His immutability, to say nothing of their eternal security in Christ. Here is what the Lord told Balaam to say unto Balak when Balak was trying to get Balaam to curse Israel: Hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor: God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good (Num. 23:18-19)? And I will site one more verse to nail down the glorious fact that God is immutable or unchangeable: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). If God were changeable, as we are, how long do you think it would be before he would become angry with us and erase our names out of the Book of Life? I assure you, it wouldn't be long.---Elder Ralph Harris