



It has always amazed me how man has the idea that whatever they say or do will last forever. That, I think, is the world's greatest deception. Whatever we do on this earth should be and ultimately must be for the purposes of our God. Unfortunately, that "sail" has lost a lot of its wind.

As man upon this earth, we have been taught that we should do things with the attitude that they should last forever. That is not a bad way of thinking. We should work and strive for, no matter whatever we do, that it should last and be helpful to those that use it for their own betterment. However, throughout history, for the good and for the not so good, we see that what we may have brought forth for what we thought may be for our good at the time it was developed, may have only been a "stepping stone" for bigger and better things, as well as the bad.

Unfortunately, many things have been developed and have grown to be a detriment to man – such as nuclear weapons and other such things. There have been many advances in using the nuclear field for some good things – in medicine and other areas of technology. However, there is and will continue to be a "down side" to these advances. That has been the process of what we refer to as growth in life, business, war and advancement in general. We are faced with the good, the bad and sometimes even the ugly.

Unfortunately, many people have the idea that whatever they may have come up with or whatever they may have established will ultimately last forever. That is not necessarily an incorrect way of looking at things. However, if we stay in that way of thinking we can lose focus on things and ultimately get "lost in the dust" as others go forward. They may use our ideas but they then grow and continue to go forward with new thoughts and new ideas and make things better, hopefully.

We look at things such as the light bulb, phones, cars, railroads, airplanes and supersonic jets just to name a few. We see even the more prominent things of the day such as our cell phones, computers, tablets, WiFi and yes, even the Alexa technology taking over. (I know there are many, many more.) In the negative realm we see more and more high powered and hi-tech armaments and nuclear technology that has brought us to the place where we can annihilate each other and nobody wins. The people/countries that have them, on both sides, are just crazy enough to use them one day. Yes, we are in a changing world.

However, there is one thing that has not and will never change. That is the ways and principles of God. They are forever and ever. As long as we are upon this earth, God and His ways will never change. Oh yes, we can say that God changed when Jesus came on the scene and allowed salvation to come to anyone who would believe in Him. However, if we take a real good look at the scriptures as found in the Old Testament we can see that God never changed. He had told us, through His prophets and all those in the Old Testament what He would ultimately do for the good of mankind – He was going to provide a Savior.

God was not a wrathful God in the Old Testament and then all of a sudden changed when Jesus came on the scene. No, God was the same – yesterday today and forever – as He foretold everything that would take place when Jesus ultimately did come on the scene. God's redemptive side was always there but it was only truly allowed to come forth and be revealed even in a more powerful way when the people accepted His free gift of salvation - Jesus.

This was first established in Genesis 3:15 when Father, God had said that He will *"...put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shall bruise his heel."* Yes, that was the first prophecy concerning that, one day, the Father would send Jesus into the world to defeat the devil and restore the relationship between man and God to anyone who would believe in Jesus.

You see that was the key and it still is the key for anyone today. Relationship back to God is available to anyone who would believe what the Father had said He would do and that He did it through the atoning sacrifice and the blood that was shed by His son, Jesus, the Messiah.

God and His Word are the only things that will **never** change. That is because God has never, nor will He ever change. The Bible is clear. It tells us that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. Malachi 3:6 declares this to us as it states, "For I *am* the LORD, I change not..." Hebrews 13:13 tells us that Jesus, who is equal to and therefore the same as the Father, never changes as it declares, "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*"

When we read those scriptures and others that are similar to them, they simply remind us that God was reliable in the past and that He still is reliable, so we can be sure that we can truly rely on Him in the future. God was so very trustworthy in the past. Therefore, we can totally trust Him today and ultimately in the future. We can hold fast unto God and His Word because it is our hope, our assurance, of what will come for His people today, for tomorrow and for tomorrow's tomorrow.

We must hold fast that no matter how this world changes around us, we can and we must, trust the fact that God is and always will be consistent and true to His promises and to His Word. The Bible says that God is "*...the Father of lights with whom there is no change or variation.*" (James 1:17) This means that God will never be less than He is now, nor will He ever be different from what He has already revealed Himself to be in the past. He will continue to be the one and only true God for all time and for the time that is to come.

We must be careful to not allow "well meaning" but "uninformed" and "unspiritual" men and women to neglect and spout out untruths about whom our God truly is. They carefully try to change and persuade (intentionally or unintentionally) the true people of God from the true foundational teachings of God's Word as found within the scriptures. Oh yes!!! We must be very careful. The enemy is out there and he is doing a work on the church. He is trying, and unfortunately he is succeeding, in changing the Word of God.

The enemy is trying to teach us that the Old Testament is no longer to be read or used. The enemy is teaching that most of the New Testament is no longer relevant or needed by the child of God. The enemy and his cohorts are telling us that God is "gender neutral" and that we must get rid of all the masculine defining terms that are found in the Bible that refer to God. This is so the Bible will be relevant to everyone. Does that mean that Jesus was not a man? Does that mean that Jesus did not die on the cross, as a man, so that He could take the sins of everyone – man and woman - upon Himself? What Hogwash!!! Hmm....

If Jesus was not a man, than who was He? The fact of the matter was and still is, was that Jesus was 100% God and 100% man when He walked this earth. He was 100% God because He knew the Father and had no sin upon Him. He was 100% man so that He could take the punishment for all men which were death and the pit of hell. But... He was 100% God because death could not hold Him in hell. He rose from the grave. He rose out of hell...and is now seated on the right hand of the Father waiting to return for all of His people who are anxiously awaiting His return.

I said it before and I will say it again – hogwash, to all those who try to teach us and tell us differently. The truth of the matter is that in God there is both male and female because they are both found in Him. God took Eve from the rib of Adam and she became woman. However, if we note, the scriptures are clear – God formed Adam and Adam looked just as God did. Adam was made in the image and likeness of God. (Genesis 1:26-28) Yet, Eve came forth out of Adam. (Genesis 2:21-23) Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. Can we really and truly ever understand and fathom all of this fully, as well as grasp the height, width and depth of our God? (Ephesians 3:14) Hmmm....

The Bible is relevant to everyone. It is relevant because it tells us the absolute truth concerning what sin is and that we should, and must, stay away from it. It tells us that before we can even attempt to do this, we must first accept the free gift of salvation that was established by the Father through Jesus. We must first accept Jesus as our Savior and our Lord – the absolute, supreme and final authority of my life.

It does not mean that we now must change the Word to include all the sinful acting people who may *“...want a form of godliness...”* However, if we finish that scripture in 2Timothy 3:5, it clearly tell us that they, *“... are lacking the power therein!!!”* Paul completes this thought by telling us that, *“...from this we must flee.”* What it simply means is that we must take the full Word of God for what it truly is – God’s undeniable and irrefutable Word that comes from the Father’s heart, all of it. It is now revealed to us by and through the Holy Spirit for the purpose of understanding what it is truly telling us.

Jesus is now seated on the right hand of the Father waiting to return. However, Jesus did not leave us on our own. He told us that the Holy Spirit would come to lead us and teach us all things concerning God and His truth. Yes, that is the key ingredient to being a child of God – the Holy Spirit. If we take a good look around we are hearing less and less about the Holy Spirit. However, as a child of God it is vital for us to know, if we are truly born again, that the Holy Spirit will and has come into your life. He will lead you and guide you into all of God’s truth.

Unfortunately, as mentioned, we are hearing less and less about the Holy Spirit. We are relying more and more on our own thoughts and in our own understanding of things. Could it be that this is where the problem truly lies within the Body of Christ today? Is there a lack of truly being led and taught by the Holy Spirit? Are we hearing more and more of people’s words and people’s understanding of God and who He is instead of God Himself telling us who He really is through the fullness of the Holy Spirit? Could that be where the root of the problem could be? Hmmm....

We read in John 14:25-26 - *“These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. ²⁶ But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”* Yes, I believe that this is lacking in this hour and in this time within the Body of Christ. We are not allowing the Holy Spirit to truly lead us, guide us and speak to us. We are relying too much on people – men and women.

If you remember, we saw a progression of God take place that started in the late 1960’s. It was at that time that we saw the “Jesus movement” come forth. There was the real thing and then there was the counterfeit. The counterfeit came about with the onslaught of drugs – the LSD movement and people started to say they “saw Jesus” while on these drugs. However, at the same time there was a very strong, true movement of God, when many people started to have real encounters with the true Jesus and many, many were saved and stayed with the Lord for their entire life. It was not just a “fad.”

Then in the late 1970-1990’s we had a movement of the Holy Spirit that came forth in such a very strong way. The gifts of the spirit were involved within the Body of Christ in such a powerful way. We saw the “charismatic movement” in the Catholic Church growing, as well as the move of the Holy Spirit in Protestant Charismatic Churches. We saw healings and deliverances being brought forth within the Body of Christ. The “gifts” of the Holy Spirit were in full operation. It was a wonderful thing. Oh yes, there were counterfeits but the true move of the Holy Spirit was in full view.

Then in the late 1990’s to around 2010 we saw a great movement that became known as the “Father’s Heart” movement being bestowed upon and experienced by the Body of Christ. There was a great move of the Father’s love towards His people and the reciprocation of that love by His people to the Father. It was a wonderful time of truly experiencing the fullness of God, the Father, Jesus, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

That brings us to today. Where are we? Well, I know one thing is for sure – God has not changed. He is still pouring out Himself to anyone who is truly seeking after Him. The Father, through His Son Jesus and then the Holy Spirit is continuing to lead and guide those that are truly seeking Him within their everyday life.

In 1Corinthians 13:13 it tells us that there are three things that will abide forever. They are faith, hope and love. God's concept of people having faith in Him is an everlasting concept which means that it will never end. As far as God is concerned, He will do all He says He would do and will do in His Word for anyone who truly has faith in and believes in Him - totally. That is an important factor – faith. God will pour himself out to anyone who truly believes in and has total faith and trust in Him.

The next area is hope. This is not a “hope” that wishes that God will do something or wishes that He will keep His Word. No, this hope is an assurance that God **will**, without a shadow of a doubt, keep His Word to His people. Remember, I said that He will keep **His** Word. Things may not necessarily turn out in the way that we may want but God will keep His Word to us. That means, if something we want is not good for me and even though we may want it, God may not give it to us because He promises to keep us and watch over us. That is where we need to be sure that whatever we are asking for is His will for us. The devil may come and give us what we ask which is never good. We must be wise in this area.

The last area, of course, is His love for me and you – His people. God promises to love us with His everlasting love – forever and ever. That is the most important thing. The greatest of all these things is His love for me and for you. The scriptures tell us that God is love. 1John 4:16 tells us very clearly, “...*God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.*” God loves us with an everlasting love. The more He loves us, the more we love Him and love His people and then the more He loves us... and the cycle forever continues.

Yes, we live in an interesting world. Many things are happening and many things will continue to happen. All of God's Word will come to pass. We are seeing it happen in our midst. The time is getting shorter and shorter. I encourage each of us to truly choose this day who you will serve. I pray that you choose the one and only truly and living God.

I pray that you have accepted and received His only Son, Jesus, as your personal Lord and Savior. I also pray that His Holy Spirit now lives within you and that you would yield yourself to His ways. It is the Holy Spirit who will direct us in doing and keeping God's Word and His ways. The Holy Spirit will lead and guide you back unto the Father. It is the Father who will bring us into His everlasting Kingdom – forever and ever.

God bless you