



# Attributes of the Almighty

*“His Almighty Immutability” Malachi 3:1-6*

**INTRODUCTION:** Malachi was the last of the prophets. He was writing to the remnant of Jews who had recently been restored from Babylonian captivity. The faith of the Jews had not been consistent. They were inconsistent in their tithing (Malachi 3:8-9). They were inconsistent in their service (Malachi 3:14). Yet God is devoid of all change in His being. God is immutable (unchanging).

## I. GOD'S WORD DOES NOT CHANGE

### A. IT IS PRECIOUS

The Word of God is precious today because it is the manifestation of God to man. It is the Living Word. It is precious because it was inspired by the Holy Spirit and because it was perfectly preserved by the hand of God until this very day.

*I Peter 1:23-25, “<sup>23</sup> Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. <sup>24</sup> For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: <sup>25</sup> But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”*

*II Peter 1:21, “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”*

*II Timothy 3:16, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”*

The word **inspiration** in this verse is from the Greek word **theopneustos** (θεοπνευστος, teh-op'-nyoo-stos) which means divinely breathed in.

### B. IT IS PRESERVED

*Psalm 119:89, “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.”*

*Matthew 5:18, “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”*

*Matthew 4:4, “But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”*

*Acts 1:11, “Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”*

*II Peter 3:9, “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*

*Numbers 23:19, “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?”*

## II. GOD'S FAITHFULNESS DOES NOT CHANGE

*Colossians 1:16-17, “<sup>16</sup> For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”*

*Psalm 119:90, “Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.”*

### A. HE IS FAITHFUL WHEN WE ARE NOT

Even though the recipients of Malachi's prophecy were not faithful in their giving or service to God, God was faithful!

*James 1:17, “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.”*

*Hebrews 1:12, “And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.”*

### B. HE IS FAITHFUL IN TIMES OF TRIAL

*I Corinthians 10:13, “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”*

*Psalm 71:1-3, “<sup>1</sup> In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. <sup>2</sup> Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me. <sup>3</sup> Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.”*

*I Peter 5:7, “Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”*

## III. GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION DOES NOT CHANGE

### A. ADAM'S COVERING

*Genesis 3:21, “Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.”*

### B. ABRAHAM'S FAITH

*Romans 4:3-5, “<sup>3</sup> For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. <sup>5</sup> But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.”*

### C. OUR SALVATION (ROMANS 5:8; 6:23)