

## PURSUING GOD—YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER

*“There is unwavering peace TODAY, when an uncertain TOMORROW is trusted to an UNCHANGING God.” ~ Ann Voskamp, Christian Author*

We live in a world where things rapidly change, especially technology. For example, more than 30 years ago Motorola marketed the first handheld cellular phone at a cost of almost \$4,000. It measured 13x1.75x3.5 inches and weighed 28 ounces. In fact, the first cell phone was so big and clunky that it was nicknamed ‘the brick.’ Today’s cell phones are lighter, slimmer, multi-functional and much less expensive. They have changed over time.

Change can be good or bad, and sometimes it’s even welcomed! However, it’s equally welcoming to have some stability or constants in our lives; things we can depend on remaining the same—*no matter what*. It’s comforting to know that we can depend on the unconditional, unchanging love of family and friends. It’s also comforting to know that in the midst of life changes such as illness, unemployment, loss of loved ones, or injustice, we can find comfort knowing that God’s love for us never changes. As Christians, it’s also good to know that the God our parents and grandparents worshipped, the God that we read about in the Bible—remains the same **yesterday, today and forever!**

Many of us grew up singing that old spiritual, “*Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand*.” In a world where it’s sometimes difficult to distinguish our enemies from our allies, one constant is God’s unchanging hand. It’s reassuring to know that the same God that created the heavens and earth and calls us ‘by name’ isn’t subject to seasonal changes, shifts in the economy, or our fickleness.

God’s Word is just as relevant today as it was yesterday and will be tomorrow. We don’t have to seek out a newer, better or more gracious god. His mercies may be new every day, but His love for us never changes. God’s love is not subject to our moods, titles or goodness. His Word is a ‘lamp unto our feet,’ and serves as a roadmap for those of us who are willing to trust and obey Him. It guides, directs, develops and draws us into His loving and caring embrace.

In a world of constant change, it is important for us to appreciate that the one thing that does not change is the one thing that matters most—the unconditional love of our Heavenly Father is eternal. Nothing we or anyone else can do will ever change His timeless, matchless and infinite love for us.

Peace and power,

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