God Immutable

Incapable of change

Fountain of being! Source of Good! Immutable Thou dost remain! Nor can the shadow of a change; Obscure the glories of Thy reign.

Earth may with all her powers dissolve,
If such the great Creator will;
But Thou for ever art the same,
I AM is Thy memorial still.
From Walker's Collection

"For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?"
Psalm 18:31

Jen tells us that in the book of Psalms alone, there are more than 20 references to God as our Rock.

Use the Concordance at the back of your Bible to find "rock" references. Spend time reading and meditating on verses that declare, "God is your rock". Notice that God isn't just "like" a rock- He IS our Rock!

In Isaiah 44:8, our immutable God calls Himself the Rock.

"Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

"The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice.

A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he."

Deuteronomy 32:4

"For you have forgotten the God of your salvation And have not remembered the Rock of your refuge..."

Isaiah 17:10

The One and Only I AM is unchanging in ALL of His attributes. His thoughts and purposes towards His children are unchanging, forever! ! He is completely trustworthy, now and always!

"Trust in the LORD forever; for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock." Isaiah 26:4

In *Knowledge of the Holy*, A.W. Tozer asks and then answers this question:

"Of what use to me is the knowledge that God is immutable?"

"In this world where men forget us, change their attitude toward us as their private interests dictate, and revise their opinion of us for the slightest cause, is it not a source of wondrous strength to know that the God with whom we have to do changes not? His attitude toward us now is the same as it was in eternity past and will be in eternity to come."

In coming to Him at any time we need not wonder whether we shall find Him in a receptive mood. He is always receptive to misery and need, as well as to love and faith. He does not keep office hours nor set aside periods when He will see no one. Today, this moment, He feels toward (you) exactly as He did when He sent His only-begotten Son into the world to die for mankind." page 53

"But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to itthe righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe."
Romans 3:21-22

God will never "change his mind about setting his love on us.... Whom God pronounces righteous will always be righteous." Jen, page 85

"For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." II Corinthians 5:21

What infinite and immutable reasons we have to rejoice and give praise to our God!

For more confirmation regarding our forever righteousness,

Read:

Jeremiah 23:5-6 Romans 5:12-21 Romans 8:31-39

"For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever."

Psalm 112:6

Below is an excerpt from "The Righteousness of Christ, an Everlasting Righteousness" by George Whitefield (1714-1770)

If you'd like to read the entire article, here's the link: https://www.biblebb.com/files/whitefield/gw015.htm

FOURTHLY, Christ's righteousness may be called an everlasting righteousness, because the benefit of it is to endure to everlasting life. Indeed, some people tell us, that a person may be in Christ today, and go to the devil tomorrow: but, blessed be God, ye have not so learned Christ! No, my dear friends, thanks be to God for that divine text, "There is now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." Though God's people may fall foully; and though many are full of doubts and fears, and say, "One day I shall fall by the hands of Saul;" however your poor souls may be harassed, yet no wicked devil, nor your own deprayed heart, shall be able to separate you from the love of God: God has loved you, God has fixed his heart upon you, and having loved his own, he loves them unto the end. The Lord of life and of glory, the blessed Jesus, will never cease loving you, till he hath loved and brought you to heaven; when he will rejoice, and say, "Behold me, O my Father, and the dear children that thou hast given me; thou gavest them me; thine they were, I have bought them with my blood, I have won them with my sword and with my bow, and I now will wear them as so many jewels of my crown." Therefore, Jesus Christ's righteousness may be called an everlasting righteousness, because those who once take hold of, and are interested in it, shall be saved everlastingly by Christ: "It is God that justifies us, (says St. Paul) who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again." He gives devils the challenge, "O death, where is thy sting, O grave, where is thy victory? Who shall separate us from the love of God? I am persuaded that neither death nor life, neither principalities nor powers, nor any other creature, shall ever be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Those whom God justifies, he also glorifies. And because Christ lives, blessed be God, we shall live also. I know not what you may say; but though I trust I have felt the grace of Christ every day for fresh strength as if I had never believed before: and if I was to depend upon my own faithfulness, and not the faithfulness of the Son of God, I am sure I should soon desert the Lord Jesus Christ. But glory be to God, he is faithful that hath promised! Glory be to God, our salvation depends not upon our own free will, but upon God's free grace! Here is a sure bottom; the believer may build upon it; let the storms blow as long and as high as they please, they may make the poor creature tremble, but blessed be God, they never shall be able to take him off the foundation; though they may shake him, they shall only shake off his corruption: and I believe all that fear God, will be glad to part with it. On all these accounts, Christ's righteousness may be called an everlasting righteousness

"Changeable Creatures"

"Just as my assurance of salvation rests in the fact that God cannot change, My hope of sanctification rests in the fact that I can." Jen, page 87

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

Il Corinthians 3:18

Immediately upon receiving Christ's free gift of righteousness, we are a new creation, no longer living under the covenant of the law. We have now come to the new covenant, "Mount Zion... the city of the living God, ...and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant." Hebrews 12:22-24

Read

II Corinthians 5:16-21 Colossians 3:9-11 Hebrews 12:18-29

Guarantees for children of the One and only immutable God:

(From *None Like Him*)

• Every circumstance will change except your forgiveness in Christ

"I. I am He

Who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

Isaiah 43:25

• Every possession we have will rust, break, or fade away except your salvation in Christ. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, And no one will snatch them out of My hand."

John 10:27-28

• Every relationship will waver, except your adoption as a daughter through Jesus Christ.

"In love, He predestined us for adoption as sons

Through Jesus Christ,
According to the purpose of His will..."
Ephesians 1:5

Jen's question #4 on page 92 is a great one to ponder.

- Is there a situation in your life where you are tempted to believe change will never come?
- Have you stopped praying about a personal pattern of sin because it feels impossible to ever obey?
- Are you in a relationship that seems beyond His power and grace to redeem?

"Idolatry takes hold of us when we believe that a difficult relationship or circumstance will never change, will always be hopeless, wounding, or sorrowful." page 90

Take time to bring this to the LORD. Repent of unbelief. Cry out to the Rock!

"For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ". *ICorinthians 10:4b*

Read Ezekiel 36:22-38, and allow Truth to bring hope to your heart and mind.

With the Spirit of the living God dwelling in us, change is possible and expected. The LORD God is utterly committed to His glory and to His great name!

"Of old You laid the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens are the work of Your hands.
They will perish but you will remain;
They will all wear out like a garment.
You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,
But You are the same, and Your years have no end.
The children of Your servants shall dwell secure;
Their offspring shall be established before You."

Psalm 102:25-28

"O Christ our Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. As cronies to their rock, so have we run to Thee for safety; as birds from their wanderings, so have we flown to Thee for peace. Chance and change are busy in our little world of nature and men, but in Thee we find no variableness nor shadow of turning. We rest in Thee without fear or doubt and face our tomorrows without anxiety. Amen".

The Knowledge of the Holy, A.W. Tozer

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever will be
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
And all I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me