

# GOD IS NOT A MAN

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*Num 23:19*

*19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?*

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Man is unstable because of his imperfections. Man because of his many weaknesses and limitations can change, and do change. Man promises and fail, not necessarily because he doesn't want to keep his promises, but because of his limitations and weaknesses. So a man who hopes in another man must get ready for disappointment.

God is not a man. Man was created to look like Him (God), and act like Him. Unfortunately, man corrupted himself through rebellion. God is not a man because He is God. God is pure and complete and lacking in nothing. He is not limited in wisdom, power and insight or in anything. There is nothing He cannot do. He is Almighty, and there is no one greater than Him. Everything that exists, visible and invisible, spiritual and physical were all created by God. And He is the ruler over all His creation. You must understand that it is not in God's nature to change. He himself declares,

*Mal 3:6*

*6 "I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.*

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And the book of Hebrews declares,

*Heb. 13:8*

*8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.*

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God told Moses, "*I AM WHO I AM.*" (Exod 3:14)

What God was saying to Moses was, I am today what I was yesterday, and I will be tomorrow what I am today. It means I am the same always. I AM means the Ancient of Days, the Everlasting or Eternal God - The God who is constant and does not change in anyway.

God would have every man know, especially His children, that I AM everyday WHO I AM. I AM Who I say I AM. I can do what I say I can do. I will keep my promises and carry out my judgments decreed. I AM means, I don't change my mind or alter the words that have gone forth from my lips.

*Ps 89:34*

*34 I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered.*

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I AM means that, I stick to my laws and principles through out all generations. I AM means, what I did before I will still do again. It means God does not diminish in size, wisdom, power and might, competence and faithfulness. He is a present tense God. That means He is the same everyday – He does not change.

If then, God does not change, how can He be a man? It will be dead wrong for anybody to equate God with man. God is not a man. Men lie for many reasons, but God has no reason to lie.

(1) **He is the only true God.** There is no one greater than Him, to exercise authority over Him.

(2) **He is the Omnipotent (Almighty) God.** All power and might belongs to Him, so He does as He pleases.

*Isa 46:9-11*

*9 Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. 10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. 11 From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.*

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(3) **He is accountable to no one.** No one can judge and punish Him. No one can question His authority. Then, why should He lie?

(4) **He says only what he means and means everything he says.** God does not speak carelessly. He does not speak for speaking sake. And He watches over His words to fulfill them.

*Jer 1:12*

*12 The LORD said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."*

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*Isa 55:10-11*

*10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*

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These passages clearly prove that God speaks for a purpose. Every word, law, principle, promise or judgment is for a purpose to fulfill the desire of the creator of all things. Therefore, if you have not been taking the word of God serious, you better have a rethink.

From the four reasons given, you can see that God has no reason to lie or change his mind. Having known and understood this it is expected that you the reader change your attitude towards God.

### **OBEY GOD**

Since God is not a man, nor the son of a man, and therefore cannot and will not lie, and does not change His position on issues, then it is expected that you learn to obey God.

*James 1:17*

*17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

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God does not shift positions on a subject or an issue. He is not a respecter of persons: color, race, country, age or financial and academic achievements or social status. His word is for all races and peoples of various categories. His word does not change because He God does not change. What He demands from A, He demands from B. He does not shift grounds. That life has treated you unfairly will not make God to soft-pedal for you. That you have been groaning under the oppression of poverty will not make Him to excuse you from tithing and giving in order for you to prosper. That you have been laboring under the frustration of failure does not mean God will excuse you from following His own principles of success.

There is no “Sacred Cow” with God. He is not a respecter of person. Aaron was His High Priest, when He and His brother Moses disobeyed God, His life and ministry was cut short.

Moses was the faithful deliverer and prophet, but out of anger struck the rock when he was instructed by God to speak to it for water to come out so that His people can drink. As a result, his dream of leading Israel to the promise land was denied. Though he fasted and prayed, God said no. He only took him to the mountain top and allowed him to view the land before taking him home.

David was declared the man after God’s own heart”. He pleased God in the matter of patience and respect of the anointing on King Saul by refusing to kill him when he had opportunities to. He displayed great faith in God and depended on Him in all that he did. Though anointed to be king while Saul was still king, he waited for God to put him on the throne without fighting for it. David was 17 years when he was ordained king; he began to reign over Judah after the death of Saul at the age of 30 year. 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years later, he was installed as king over Israel. He reigned over Israel for 33 years. David waited on God for twenty and half years before mounting the throne of Israel. Do you know that when David committed adultery with Beersheba and subsequently killed Uriah the husband, that all these wonderful display of love, faith and reverence for God did not save him from the judgment of God? He suffered the highest form of degradation a king will suffer in his own land. For thirteen years David paid for his sins. And the stigma of that sin still remains till date. God is no respecter of persons.

God is not a respecter of persons but a respecter of His word.

*Ps 138:2*

*2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.*

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God is a respecter of his laws and principles. Walk in them and he will respect you. Refuse to walk in them, and he will have no respect for you and for your offerings.

### **CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE**

Change your attitude towards God and His word. Stop seeing God as a man, he is not a man. Stop seeing the Bible as a book written by men. The Bible was written by men under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God. Even Jesus Christ testified that the scriptures cannot be broken

*2 Tim 3:16*

*16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,*

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*John 10:34-35*

*34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods'? 35 If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came—and the Scripture cannot be broken—*

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Stop seeing the Bible as a history book. It contains history to warn us on how to live our lives to the pleasure of God; but it is not only history that it contains.

*1 Cor 10:11*

*11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.*

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Stop seeing the Bible as an ancient book. God is I AM. He is the eternal God. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. As He is, so His word is. If He does not change, His principles, Laws, Promises and decreed judgments does not change also. The Bible is for all generations. The word of God is new and fresh everyday. Embrace it today.

Stop seeing the Bible as a book that cannot be understood. Every book exists that the subject discussed there-in be understood and be practiced. The Holy Spirit who inspired it will teach you if you invite him to and give him a chance to do so. The Lord has anointed teachers to teach the word of God to those who want to learn and practice its truths. Attend Bible study classes and services regularly. Invest time daily into study of the

Bible. The promises of the Bible are yours because all the promises of God are yes in Christ Jesus.

*2 Cor 1:20*

*20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.*

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The promises of God in the Bible are for you only in Christ Jesus. If you are not born again, you can't claim any of them. You have to repent of all sins and give your life to Christ for you to be qualified to claim God's promises. If you want to have access to the promises of God, say this prayer out loud with all your heart right now.

*"Lord Jesus, come into my life right now and give me a new life. I am a sinner Lord, and I am sorry. Save me now from sin and the consequences of sin. Be my Savior and Lord from now on and forever. Thank you Jesus for saving me; I am now born again."*

Having prayed this prayer, I want you to know that you need a steady fellowship with God through the study of the Bible. I will encourage you to buy a Bible, if you don't have one. Start reading from the first chapter of the gospel of John. Read chapter after chapter. When you finish it, go to Matthew, then to Mark, Luke, John again, Acts of the Apostles. Keep reading till you finish the New Testament. Before you start reading, get a writing pad and pen to take notes, and invite the Holy Spirit to teach you. Practice this daily, and you will see how refreshing the word of God is to the soul of man.

Write me to let me know you have given your life to Christ, and I will send you some more materials that will help you in your Christian walk. You can visit our church and fellowship with us. When you do come, let me know you gave your life to Christ through this publication. God bless you.

**REMEMBER THIS:**

1. The word of God is life to him who finds them and health to all his flesh.

*Prov 4:22*

*22 for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body.*

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2. *Prov 3:5-6*

*5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

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3. *Prov 13:13*

*13 He who scorns instruction will pay for it, but he who respects a command is rewarded.*

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**4.** *Prov 15:10*

*10 Stern discipline awaits him who leaves the path; he who hates correction will die.*  
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**5.** *Prov 29:1*

*A man who remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed--without remedy.*  
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**6.** *Eccl 8:5-6*

*5 Whoever obeys his command will come to no harm, and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure. 6 For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter, though a man's misery weighs heavily upon him.*  
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**7.** God's word will never change because God does not change; it is man that must change to conform to the word of God. Change, that you may not be broken by the word.

**8.** God is not a man. He is the unchanging God that changes all things. Take him serious.