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#### **Immutable God**



"...I am the LORD, I do not change." Malachi 3:6a.

Have you ever really thought about that verse? I mean, I am sure you have heard sometime or another that God does not change, but have you ever really grasped the meaning of this attribute?

Well, today we are going to talk about God's immutability.

You might be thinking, immutability? What in the world does that mean? Well, we will first start by defining it. Immutable really just means unchangeable, the same, or unmodified.

Okay, so while you have that definition in your head, let's talk about how God has shown his immutability.

There are several references in Scripture to God being the "God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" right? They are three generations of the same family. Well, don't you think that that kind of proves that God does not change? I think it does. You see, the Israelites as a

nation had some problems believing that God could actually do what He said he will do, especially when they were on their "little" trip to the Promised Land. That phrase (the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) was a reminder that God had been with their fathers, and would be with them too. It serves as a reminder for us as well.

When we are in rough situations, we tend to try to do things on our own. We usually have a lot of pride unless God helps us. So, when we face hard times, we tend to fall back on the world, which is not the greatest thing we can rely on. That is why God used this reminder for the Israelites and uses it with us too. We can be reminded that God has never changed, is changing, or will change. Isn't that amazing!

So, when we are faced with difficult times, we can remember that God is a immutable God, the God who was never born, the God who created the earth, the God who was here when the Flood came, the God who was with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God who was there when Jesus was born as a man, the God who was there when Paul was persecuted, the God who was there when the Revolutionary War was being fought, and the God who is there for you and me.

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Special points of interest:

# Strawberry Cream Cheese Cookie Tarts ~adapted from Betty Crocker

I pouch Betty Crocker® sugar cookie mix
Butter and egg called for on cookie pouch
I container (8-oz.) strawberry cream cheese spread
I/2 cup powdered sugar
2 tablespoons milk



Make cookie dough as directed on package. Roll dough into 32 (1-inch balls); place in greased mini muffin cups. Press each ball in bottom and up side of muffin cup. Bake at 350°F for 12 to 15 minutes or until edges just begin to brown. Cool 20 minutes. Remove from pan; cool completely. Mix cream cheese, milk and powdered sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Fill each cookie cup with rounded teaspoonful of filling. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve.

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# I V Crafts ~American Girl

## Fancy Hearts:

Give your heart a lacy look! Place a paper doily on top of a paper heart. You may want to use small pieces of tape to hold the heart and doily in place. Use a fine-point marker to color in the holes of the doily and trace its outline. When you are finished, remove the paper doily. Use the heart as a valentine, or decorate a notebook by attaching it with double stick tape.



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## Blooming Hearts:

Make a pop-up flower with paper hearts. Start with a blank greeting card and 8 identical paper hearts. Fold the paper hearts in half. Make flowers by arranging the hearts with their points together. Attach one side of each heart to the card with double-stick tape. Write a sweet note inside!



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