I AM THE LORD AND I CHANGE NOT

1. GOD IS THE SAME.

- 1. (Mal 3:6 KJV) For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.
- 2. (Heb 13:8 KJV) Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

2. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT HE IS.

1. *God is.* (Heb 11:6 KJV) But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

2. *God is:*

- 1. <u>Truth</u>.
 - 1. (Num 23:19 KJV) 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?
 - 2. We can always depend upon Him. We can trust Him.
 - 3. Light. (1 John 1:5 KJV) This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
- 2. <u>Merciful</u>. (Deu 4:31 KJV) (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.
- 3. <u>Love</u>. (1 John 4:8 KJV) He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
- 4. <u>Righteous</u>. (Dan 9:14 KJV) Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.
- 5. Mighty.
 - 1. (Deu 7:21 KJV) Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God is among you, a mighty God and terrible.
 - 2. Strength. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments
- 6. He=s our refuge and strength.
 - 1. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
 - 2. My defence. (Psa 59:17 KJV) Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.
 - 3. Salvation. (Psa 68:20 KJV) He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death.
 - 4. Refuge. (Psa 62:8 KJV) Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

7. Above all.

1. (Deu 10:17 KJV) For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which

- regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:
- 2. (Psa 47:7 KJV) For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding
- 3. (Dan 2:47 KJV) The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.

8. With us.

- 1. (Deu 20:4 KJV) For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.
- 2. Near. (Deu 4:7 KJV) For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

9. Faithful.

- 1. (1 Cor 10:13 KJV) 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.
- 2. (1 Cor 1:9 KJV) God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

3. WHAT WAS AND IS THE NATURE OF GOD?

- 1. Is there an OT and NT God?
- 2. God is all powerful; can do all things.
- 3. He will withhold no good thing from those who walk upright.
- 4. He is no respecter of persons.
 - 1. (Rom 2:11 KJV) For there is no respect of persons with God.
 - 2. (Eph 6:9 KJV) And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.
 - 3. (Col 3:25 KJV) But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.
 - 4. (James 2:1 KJV) My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.
 - 5. (1 Pet 1:17 KJV) And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:
 - 1. What he has done for one, he'll do for another.
 - 2. He honors those who honor Him.
- 5. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

4. THE GOD WHO CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.

- 1. Delivered 3 million Jews out of Egyptian bondage.
- 2. Delivered Daniel out of the lion's den.

- 3. Delivered 3 Hebrew boys out of the fire.
- 4. Delivered David from lion, bear, and uncircumcised Philistine.
- 5. Caused the walls of Jericho to fall to the ground.
- 6. Delivered Philistines into Gideon's hands by a few.

5. RAISED THE DEAD, CLEANSED LEPERS, HEALED THE SICK, PROVIDED PROSPERITY IN OLD TESTAMENT.

- 1. Manifested himself as a covenant God.
- 2. I am the God that healeth thee.
- 3. Not one sick or feeble among them.
- 4. Spoiled the enemy of gold and silver for their sake.

6. MADE A WAY WHERE THERE SEEMED TO BE NO WAY.

- 1. Parted the Red Sea.
- 2. Parted Jordan in flood time.
- 3. He stopped sun and moon so battle could be won.
- 4. He will move heaven and earth for our sake.

7. JESUS WAS THE EXTENSION AND REVELATION OF GOD THE FATHER.

- 1. Now whosoever will.
- 2. Broken down middle wall of partition.
- 3. Gave us the Holy Ghost--power to do what needs to be done.

8. REEMPHASIS ON THE HOLY GHOST.

- 1. Not a charismatic doctrine, but a biblical doctrine.
- 2. Not a fad, but a trend or a move of God.
- 3. It is God's life and power to, in, and through us.
 - 1. God is alive.
 - 2. He is real.
 - 3. He wants to reveal himself to us; to show himself strong.
 - 4. God in the midst of thee is mighty; let god arise and his enemies be scattered.

9. WE NEED A FRAMEWORK TO WORK OUT OF...ONE WHICH WILL NOT LIMIT US.

- 1. Most frameworks will allow us to perform most religious or spiritual duties.
- 2. But what about when it comes to the supernatural, miracle-working, prayer-answering manifestations of God?