

The Constancy of God Through Scripture

Did a God of judgment change into a God of mercy in the new Testament?

Is He the same yesterday, today and forever?

For I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed. Malachi 3:6
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Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever Heb 13:8,

1. He is always true to his character. Lamentations 3:22-24, Heb 6:17,18, Ps 103:8
2. God always has a historical context in his dealings with us.
3. He warns before judgment. (Cain, Noah, Abraham)

Some of God's examples of Grace in the old testament.

1. Adam& Eve: Genesis 2:25,
2. Cain: Gen 4:9-15
3. Noah: preacher of righteousness Genesis 6
4. Abraham: Genesis 15: 7-17, Deut 9: 5,
5. Other examples/scriptures: Ezra 9:13, Ps 130:8, 2 Samuel 24:14, Jonah 4:2, Micah 7:18

Promises of God's provision

1. Seed of the woman: Genesis 3:15
2. Isaac offered: Genesis 22: 1-14
3. Passover Lamb: Exodus 12
4. Servant of God/Sacrifice of Christ: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

What are some of the things in the Old testament that may cause us to think he is different in the New Testament?

1. Judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah?
2. Genocide of Amorites?
3. Joshua 11:20?

Judgment in the New Testament

1. Ananias and Sapphira: Acts 5:1-11
2. Herod: Acts 12:23
3. Many *are* weak and sick among you . . . we are chastened by the Lord: 1 Cor 11:29-32

4. Chastening . . . for *our* profit: Hebrews 12:6-11
5. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: Revelation 3:19