

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

Lesson 22

Getting To Know God THE CREATOR CLOCK

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Hi there!

Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church based in Mesa, AZ...my name is Pastor Rory Clark.

I have a question for you...

What Do You Know About God?

These ten-minute lessons introduce you to God and they make you aware of the things that are unique and special about your CREATOR...and we use The Creator Clock to help you remember the Lord's essence. Tick Tock...what time is it on the Creator Clock?

<CREATOR CLOCK SLIDE pointing to eight o'clock>

It's Eight O'clock...

TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON **God is IMMUTABLE...So What?**

We've learned quite a bit about God by taking a tour of the Creator Clock. We know that...

<CREATOR CLOCK SLIDE...pointing to seven o'clock>

...at seven o'clock on The Creator Clock, GOD is Willing! So what? So Jeremiah, Chapter 29, Verse 11...

Jeremiah 29:11

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'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for your welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'

God is for us, so no one can be successful against us! At eight o'clock on The Creator Clock...

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God is IMMUTABLE! What does that mean exactly? It means God never changes. James, Chapter 1, Verse 17 says...

James 1:17

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from God the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

God does not change. It's pretty funny to consider the "so what" of God's immutability...the "so what" of God never changing, especially in light of the fact that we often want things to change. When we are not pleased with how things are going...when we are not pleased with how people are being, we want circumstances or people to change. Yet when we are the person that has to change, we resist it.

I am from Chicago, Illinois here in the United States, a city that gets only fifty-one days of sunshine a year. Every day when I'd get up, I'd run to look out the window to see what kind of weather day it was going to be. And most of the time, I could count on clouds, which meant some kind of moisture was going to fall from the sky...either rain or snow. I hated it. The weather was unpredictable.

When I moved to Phoenix, a city that averages three hundred and five days of sunshine a year, my life changed! I knew I could expect, almost every day, that the sun would be out and that there would be no moisture falling from the sky. Since Phoenix weather doesn't change much, I knew I could count on seeing the sun on a regular basis.

Even more than I count on the sunshine in Phoenix, I count on God. I know God doesn't change. So what? So I can count on His wise counsel. That's what I appreciate most about God's immutability... God is definite. When I have a problem, and I go to Him, the answer He gives me to the problem, through His Word, the bible, will be the same answer, yesterday, today, and forever. God knows

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what works and what works does not work. What God says always happens. Numbers, Chapter 23, Verse 19 says...

Numbers 23:19

“God is not a man, that He should lie, nor is God a son of man, that He should change His mind...has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”

Malachi, Chapter 3, Verse 6a says...

Malachi 3:6a

“For I, the Lord, do not change...”

One of my favorite movies is *Hoosiers*, a story about a basketball team in a small town in the state of Indiana. One of the characters, Myra Fleener, talked about the people of this small town...Hickory...and she said, “When I left Hickory, I missed it...I missed knowing that nothing ever changes here...that the people here never change...it makes you feel real solid.” Of course Myra is not right about that... people do change...but God doesn't. Because God doesn't change, it makes you feel real solid. The apostle John said, in First John, Chapter 1, Verse 5...

First John 1:5

This is the message we have heard from the Lord Jesus Christ and announce to you, that God the Father is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

God never changes from light to dark...He is ALWAYS light. It makes you feel real solid. I can count on God. Especially, I can count on His unconditional love for me as something that never changes...as something that never wavers. Let's listen to June Murphy singing about an unchanging God with an unchanging love that never wavers...Demonstrated Love.

DEMONSTRATED LOVE

June Murphy

I have come to count on God...especially on His counsel...knowing that His proven thoughts will always be right...Isaiah, Chapter 9, Verse 6...

Isaiah 9:6

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For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

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It's eight o'clock...God is IMMUTABLE! Thank you Lord for being so solid, and for giving me a stable person to lean on...thanks for never changing.

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Keep on getting to know God. I'm Pastor Rory Clark.

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