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***Jesus, The Only One Who Never Changes - Hebrews 13:8***

**Exodus 3:14** And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”

**Psalms 33:11** The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

**Isaiah 41:4** Who has performed and done it, calling the generations from the beginning?

‘I, the Lord, am the first; And with the last I am He.’ ”

**Isaiah 44:6** “Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.

**Isaiah 48:12** “Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.

**Daniel 6:26** I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end.

**Malachi 3:6** “For I am the Lord, I do not change”

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 8:58** Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

**John 17:5** And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

**Romans 1:20** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

**2 Corinthians 1:19** For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes.

**Hebrews 1:10-12** “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.”

**James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

**Revelation 1:8** “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

**Revelation 1:11** saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,”

**Revelation 1:17-18** And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

**Revelation 21:6-7** And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

**Revelation 22:13** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

## **Perfect In All Of His Ways**

During a recent Immanuel session, I looked at Jesus and had a deep and clear sense of His perfectness. He is completely perfect in ALL His ways. In that moment I could feel His perfect patience. I could feel His perfect knowing. I could really sense His perfect goodness. And He was perfectly able and willing to help.

I also felt a deep realization that He *has to* be perfect...If He wasn't, how could I trust that He wouldn't become impatient, frustrated, angry, etc... If there was even a hint of possibility that He would not be perfect, I would constantly be waiting for the other shoe to drop. I would always have it in the back of my mind that if I did something "wrong", He would snap. If He waivered one millimeter, I would have to be guarded in the way that I interact with Him.

We filter how we expect Him to react and respond through the lens of our life and experiences. We expect Him to respond like our father when he was disappointed with us. Or react with the impatience of our mom when we were moving too slowly and she was in a hurry. Or like our employer who judges and rewards based on our performance.

But Jesus is perfect in all His ways. He is NEVER triggered. He never flinches. He is never surprised. When we begin to see Him for who He really is, and experience His true nature, we learn to develop trust that He will not get upset with us. He knows us perfectly! How could anything we do take Him by surprise?

But it takes dedicated time with Him letting Jesus be Jesus. It takes moment by moment intimate encounters with Him to develop our capacity. And as that trust grows, we can let Him into those places that hurt so that we can get to deeper levels of relationship with Him.

In order for that to really take place, I need to KNOW (from experiencing His perfectness) that He is perfect in all of His ways.