



DEALING WITH THE
SHIFT



²³ In the course of my life he broke my strength;
he cut short my days.

²⁴ So I said:

"Do not take me away, my God, in the midst of my days;
your years go on through all generations.

²⁵ In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

²⁶ They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.

Like clothing you will change them
and they will be discarded.

Psalm 102:23-28 NIV



²⁷ But you remain the same,
and your years will never end.

²⁸ The children of your servants will live in your
presence;
their descendants will be established before you."

Psalm 102:23-28 NIV

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Even though there is much shifting in the writer's life, God is a constant.

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God's perfections
never change.

Perfections

the sum total of who God is,
including His attributes and
characteristics





⁶ "I the Lord do not change".

Malachi 3:6a NIV



¹⁶Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:16-17 NIV

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2

God's precepts
never change.

Precepts

His law and commands





⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the Lord blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever."

Isaiah 40:7-8 NIV

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If we believe the Bible
is true, how would it
impact our lives?

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3

God's purposes
never change.

Purposes

the ultimate plan of God





¹¹ But the plans of the Lord stand
firm forever,
the purposes of his heart through
all generations.

Psalm 33:11 NIV



God's purpose is
transformation for the
sake of glorification



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How will God use this shift in me to make Him look better?