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According to the holy scriptures, what is God?

God is spirit **[or, Spirit]** . . . (NASB; John 4:24).

He is infinite (II Chron. 6:18; Job 11:7-9), eternal (Ps. 90:2), and unchangeable (Mal. 3:6; Jam. 1:17) in His being and in all His perfections.

**According to the holy scriptures,
God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal,
and unchangeable, in His being,
wisdom, power, holiness, justice,
goodness, and truth.**

(Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 4)



For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore
you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

Malachi 3:6

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

James 1:17

And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand.

2 Samuel 24:16 (KJV)

When the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD **relented** from the **calamity** and said to the angel who destroyed the people, “It is enough! Now relax your hand!”

2 Samuel 24:16 (NASB)

intr.v. re·lent

1. To become more lenient, compassionate, or forgiving.
2. To become less severe or intense; slacken: *The storm finally relented.*

American Heritage Dictionary



God is not a man, that He should lie,
Nor a son of man, that He should repent;
Has He said, and will He not do it?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Numbers 23:19

“For this the earth shall mourn
And the heavens above be dark,
Because I have spoken, I have purposed,
And I will not change My mind, nor will I turn
from it.”

Jeremiah 4:28

The LORD has sworn and will not change His
mind, “You are a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek.”

Psalms 110:4

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The LORD responds

in holy grief to the sins of His professing people

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“You who have forsaken Me,” declares the LORD,

“You keep going backward.

So I will stretch out My hand against you and destroy you;
I am tired of relenting!”

Jeremiah 15:6

Judges 2:18

Jonah 4:2

in compassionate pity for the plight of
afflicted people

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Exodus 32:12, 14

Jeremiah 18:8, 10; 26:3, 13, 19

Joel 2:13–14

Jonah 3:9–10

1 Chronicles 21:15

in righteous mercy to the heart of repentant people

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3. God's revealed perfections should focus us on Christ.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and
today and forever.

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“How sweet, that Jesus ever liveth. He is the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever. You will never find Jesus so precious as when the world is one vast howling wilderness. Then he is like a rose blooming in the midst of the desolation—a rock rising above the storm.”

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