

Do You believe in Changing or Altering Scripture, Revelations or Doctrines?

No, absolutely not. The scriptures are filled with passages that strongly teach an unchanging God and that we should never alter God's Scriptures or Revelations.

Revelation 22:18 - *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

Now we might get the misconception that God would not add more Scripture after the Bible because of this passage however John is speaking of not altering the Book of Revelation, the Bible did not exist as we know it when he penned those words. There are similar passages way back in Deuteronomy that teaches the same thing.

Deuteronomy 4:2 - *Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.*

Deuteronomy 12:32 - *What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.*

The key point here is that God does not change and will always reach out to people of faith with more scripture. What He is referring to here is that You, Mankind, do not alter the Scriptures that I give you. This does not mean we cannot carefully correct an obvious mistranslation in the scriptures or translate the scriptures into other languages. Even Jesus had to correct the misconception the Jews had about divorce. Why is it so important that we do not alter God's Scriptures? Because it is an intrinsic part of God's character to be unchanging, perfect, whole from the beginning.

Malachi 3:6 - *For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

Mormon 4:82 - *And behold I say unto you, He changeth not; if so, he would cease to be God; and he ceaseth not to be God, and is a God of miracles.*

Moroni 8:19 - *For I know that God is not a partial God, neither a changeable being; but he is unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity.*

Mormon 4:68 - *For do we not read that God is the same yesterday, today, and for ever; and in him there is no variableness neither shadow of changing.*

James 1:17 - *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

As we can see above, there is not even a hint of change with God. After all, if He is an eternal and perfect Being, any change would have to result in less perfection. Often people want to change the Scriptures to suit their whims and plans, often leading into cult followings and ruin. The only meaningful change in doctrine that has happened in the scriptures is the change from the Law of Moses to the Law of Christ. And even then, this wasn't really a change. The Law of Moses was a type and shadow of Christ, a living prophesy, and once the prophecy was fulfilled there was no longer any need to follow the Law of Moses.

Galatians 3:24 *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*

4 Nephi 1:13 - *And they did not walk any more after the performances and ordinances of the Law of Moses, but they did walk after the commandments which they had received from their Lord and their God, continuing in fasting and prayer, and in meeting together oft, both to pray and to hear the word of the Lord.*

2 Nephi 11:45 *And notwithstanding we believe in Christ, we keep the law of Moses, and look forward with steadfastness unto Christ, until the law shall be fulfilled; for, for this end was the law given;*