

or diminution of, his essence or attributes, but to remain entirely the same. He wants nothing, he loses nothing, but doth uniformly exist by himself, without any new nature, new thought, new will, new purpose, or new place.

b. Scriptures that speak of God in connection with repentance

(1) Scriptures that affirm that God repents (what is it that is changed?)

- (a) Genesis 6:5-7 -- God was greatly grieved that His unique creation, man, had so corrupted himself. God's attitude, expressed in terms of human feelings, changed.
- (b) Exodus 32:7-14 -- God's attitude toward His people, Israel, who had corrupted themselves, is expressed in terms of anger. The proposed harm which He said He would bring upon Israel was changed, partly as a result of Moses' intercession.
- (c) Judges 2:6-23 (esp. 20-23) -- This appears to be a change of God's action, in accordance with the conditional promise made in Joshua 23:4-5, 12-13.
- (d) I Samuel 15:10-11, 35 -- This appears to be a change in God's attitude toward Saul's continuance in the kingship, based on Saul's disobedience and sin. God chose him, then rejected him.
- (e) II Samuel 24:10-16 -- After David chooses a three-day pestilence as punishment for the sin of numbering the people, God stops the pestilence before it reaches Jerusalem. The destroying angel's direction is changed, and his progress is halted.
- (f) Jeremiah 18:1-10 -- This appears to enunciate a general principle of conditional destruction or blessing on a nation, and to apply that principle to Israel as a warning. If conditions change, God's actions will change.
- (g) Jeremiah 26:1-19 -- Again, this appears to speak of conditional misfortune or blessing upon the temple and Jerusalem (cf. vss. 3, 13, 19). If conditions change, God's actions will change.
- (h) Joel 2:12-14 -- This appears to be a conditional destruction (i.e., the predicted invasion of destroying locusts); if the people will turn from their wickedness and turn to the Lord, perhaps the destruction may be averted (vs. 14).
- (i) Jonah 3 -- Here is a case of an unexpressed condition (repentance), on the basis of which God had decided to