

## **A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS**

### **JESUS IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER**

Hebrews 1:10 – 12 “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But You remain the same, and Your years will never end.”

Automobiles are good for 100,000 miles, a few can reach 200,000 and a rare one 300,000. The new home you purchase, within ten to twenty years will need maintenance to repair or replace its roof, unclog drains, repair, or replace cracked concrete, etc. The soles of the shoes you love will wear out, the tops will crack and stretch out of shape.

You also change. Physically your teeth will need fillings and crowns. Some may even need to be replaced with bridges, dentures, or implants. Hair will turn grey. Eyes will need the assistance of glasses. You will age and eventually your life will come to an end.

Jesus has always been, exists now and will always exist. Hebrews 13:8 says “He is the same yesterday, today and forever.” The writer to the Hebrews quotes Psalm 102 to make the point that Jesus is unchangeable, has eternal power, and majesty. Jesus is eternal having no beginning and no end. “In the beginning, Lord (Jesus), You laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But You remain the same, and Your years will never end.”

Today’s devotional verses are like bookends. They place Jesus not only at the time of creation but also name Him as the creator. They indicate He will also be present at the end of the earth’s existence when it “wears out like a garment.” He will at that time roll up His creation like a worn-out robe. John writes in Revelation 21 that at that time Jesus will make all things new.

This Jesus is your Lord and Savior. His love for you does not change. He is who He has always been and will remain so for all eternity. Therefore, “whoever believes in Him . . . will receive eternal life.” He says to you, “Where I am, there you will be also.” (John 14)

Prayer: Eternal Lord Jesus, I worship You with the confidence of the faith Your Spirit has given me to trust you for my eternal life. Amen.

Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me,  
Ah, how long in anguish Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for Thee?  
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine! I will suffer naught to hide Thee;  
Naught I ask beside Thee.

In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash And thunders crash; Yet, though sin and hell assail me, Jesus  
will not fail me.

Satan, I defy Thee; Death, I now decry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease.  
World, thou shall not harm me Nor thy threats alarm me  
While I sing of peace, God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;  
Earth and all its depts adore Him, Silent bow before Him.

Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.  
Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.  
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my Savior move me  
Since He deigns to love me.

Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me, Thine appeal is vain.  
Sin that once did blind me, Get thee far behind me, Come not forth again.  
Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r; Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
Leave thee now forever.

Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.  
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather,  
Still have peace within. Yea, whate'er I here must bear,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!  
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