

## THE NATURE OF GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE

Introduction – If God's will in everything is predetermined and unchangeable, then why petition God through prayer for anything. It is an assumption of Greek philosophy that a Perfect Being (God) cannot change their mind since that would prove they are fallible. The Bible does not agree with this premise about God's nature.

A. Do not be misled by biblical proof texts taken out of their context.

1 Samuel 15:29

Numbers 23:19

B. Always read the biblical context to determine a verse's meaning.

1. The King of Moab, Balak, hired Balaam, the prophet, to curse the nation of Israel. Every time Balaam tried to curse Israel, God placed blessings not curses on his lips.

Numbers 23:13-20

2. God changed His mind about His appointment of Saul to be King of Israel because of his disobedience.

1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-29

C. The principle determining whether God changes His mind.

1. Human freewill is respected.

Jeremiah 18:5-11

2. The principle applied to the capital city of Nineveh of the nation of Assyria.

Jonah 3:1-4:2

D. Prayer can change God's mind according to Scripture.

2 Kings 20:1-6

Conclusion – Some of God's will is conditional in nature. If we pray, change our minds, or reform our lives, then God may change what He planned or prophesied. God does not change His will like fickle people do, but His will is based on justice and mercy.