

January 15, 2012 - Pastor Mike Nishi

James 1:16-18 | God Never Changes...

**For reflection:**

- What changes are you preparing for this year?
- With all that is happening, do you feel like you are in control? Or losing control?
- What isn't changing? Does that give you comfort or anxiety?
- How does the knowledge that God doesn't change affect what is going on right now? How does that change the way you feel and should act?

**James 1:16-18**

**We cannot let ourselves be deceived that God would want us to be tempted to sin.**

| James 1:16

- James 1:13-15 | Matthew 6:13 | Genesis 2:26-31 | also study Matthew 18:1-9

**We need to understand that God's providence is good and perfect, because God's character is never changing.** | James 1:17

- Some of God's gifts: Psalm 85:12 | Jeremiah 29:10 -11 | 1 Corinthians 1:7; 12
- God's greatest gift: Romans 6:23 | also study Romans 5:15-17; John 3:16
- God doesn't change: Hebrews 13:8 | Malachi 3:6
- The enduring characteristics of God: Ps. 9:7 | Ps. 72:17 | Ps. 100:5 | Ps. 104:31 | Ps. 106:1 | Ps. 111:3 & 10 | Ps. 119:160 | Ps. 145:13
- Anchoring on Christ | Hebrews 3:1 | Hebrews 12:2

**The God who never changes still wants to see us as He first created humanity to be.**

| James 1:18

- To be born again: John 3:3 | 1 Peter 1:23
- Firstfruits: also study Leviticus 23 | Deuteronomy 26

**Deeper Reflections and Application:**

- What is 2012 looking like to you? Do you have the right perspective?
- As everything else will change for us God never will and His gospel calls out to us... How will you live in 2012? What impact will it have in your home, here at South Hill, with yourself, knowing that God's love, grace and power is perfect and unchanging?
- How will you be the best for Jesus, as you respond to His unchanging best given to you?