

- Read *Hebrews 1:8-12* and *Lamentations 3:22-27*

## All Change!

- In small groups of 3 identify as many changes as you can in each of the following areas, over about the last 10-15 years:
  - shopping
  - politics / political institutions
  - technology
  - Sundays
  - church - local or national
  - health and medicine
  - entertainment
  - wealth, money, finance
  - communications

### Rate them...

- Rate the changes you've identified as:
  - most / least significant
  - most / least exciting
  - most / least disturbing

## Intro

- In thinking about some of the topical things over the past few weeks, I've been reflecting on the whole theme of **change**
  - some of us don't like change...!
  - some us thrive on change...!
  - and both of those come from God

## God never changes

- His characteristics:
  - his faithfulness
  - his goodness
  - his love - he never doesn't love
  - his mercy

## God is always new

- Comes out of his Trinitarian character
  - he is not monolithic, unchanging, unfeeling
  - but personal, dynamic, relating to himself (Father, Son, Spirit) and to the world he has created

## Conclusion

- Some of us will be tempted to go one way or the other in assessing change:
  - to react negatively, criticise, retreat from change...
  - or embrace, perhaps indiscriminately, every change
- Assess against God and his unchanging word
  - but lets not moan about the good old days!
- Assess against God and his ever fresh engagement with us, his untold creativity and freshness
  - but lets not be trying to put new wine into old wineskins!