
Great Expectations?

A Biblical Theology of Transformation

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Introducing Change - what it is and why it's so hard

Change (or transformation) involves decisively altered behaviour, consistently modified thinking, choices and decisions and permanently reshaped character.



A. Promising too much (or *Why prosperity teaching is so dangerous*)

B. Expecting too little - the aridity of under-realised eschatology (or *Why being a reformed evangelical seems so boring*)

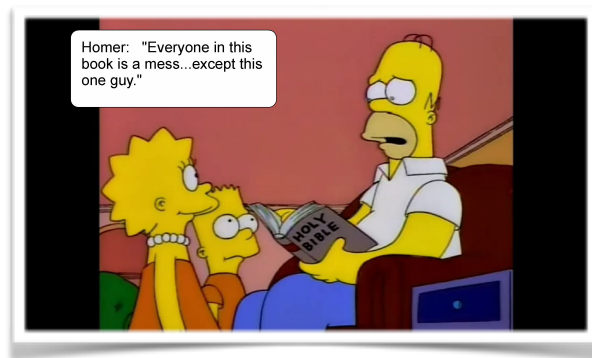
C. What we can be sure of...

- (i) We have already been 'changed'
- (ii) We will be 'changed'

D. Life in the middle

1.: Can a leopard change its spots?

A. Plus ça change... Character studies revisited



B. The State of the Nation

- (i) The preaching of Moses
- (ii) The preaching of the Prophets
- (iii) The experience of the return from Exile

C. So what kind of change does the OT promise?

Conclusion: So what are we waiting for?

2. On wine and wineskins - transformation in the New Testament

A. The Difference Jesus Makes

- (i) Jesus, the law and the gospel

- (ii) The gospel in action

- (iii) The gospel and new possibilities

B. Paul and the dynamics of change

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- (ii)
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C. The rest of the story...

Conclusion (and the way ahead)

3: Biblical Change Reconfigured - Conclusions and Challenges

Keeping the main things the main things

So how does change happen?

1. What God does

2. The 'methods' that God uses

3. What we do

4. How does this feel?

PS - Clear and present dangers?

Conclusion

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Final Words