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God Never Changes

When compared to recent years, 2011 has seen many more changes and events of monumental proportions happening all over the world.

From the end of 2010 to the beginning of 2011, the Jasmine Revolution has had a powerful impact on North Africa and the Middle East.

- January: Nearly 1,000 people were hurt and killed in the landslide in Brazil; there was a 7.4 earthquake in the Southwestern part of Pakistan
- February: a 6.3 earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand with damages far exceeding the 7.1 earthquake in 2010
- March: A 9.0 earthquake struck in Japan followed by a tsunami with over 15,000 deaths
- April: There were 164 tornadoes in some southern states of the US in one day
- May: Over 100 people perished and several hundred went missing in one day from tornadoes in the Midwest
- May: The illegal addition of various plasticizers occurred during food production processes in Taiwan, the most serious food poisoning event in the past 30 years.
- May and June: There was an E. coli outbreak in Europe with 4,137 incidences of infection resulting in 50 deaths (this is the second most serious e-coli food contamination episode in history)
- July: Beginning of American troop withdraw from Afghanistan
- August: Former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak stood trial
- September: "Occupy Wall Street", a social movement and protest started across the United States of America
- October: Continuous flooding in Thailand affected 203,000 people; a 7.2 scale earthquake occurred in Turkey; the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) announced world population would hit 7 billion by October 31

The world is constantly changing; human beings and all matters are in the midst of changes. All things in this world are impermanent with no guarantee of peace or safe haven. But we are thankful that "*The LORD sits enthroned over the Flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. The LORD gives strength to His people; the LORD blesses His people with peace.*" Psalm 29:10-

11. Through God we can overcome all trials and tribulations. Our strength and peace come from the Lord.

The Lord our God never changes, His love never changes. When we feel hopeless or powerless in all sorts of situations. His sustaining love for us never changes. We thank the Lord for supporting us with his everlasting arms even when it is very difficult to sustain one's job, career, or church organization. His Word never changes—it is the “lamp unto our feet and light unto our path”. In this world of moral degradation with moral standards of human beings forever changing, God's standard never changes. We need God's Word as the benchmark for our living, we need God's Word to act as a compass in our lives so that we will not drift along with the current of this world but swim against the secular current and swim upward toward godliness and holiness so that we can affect others and become an effective and positive mainstay of the world. O Lord, *“How I long for Your precepts! Preserve my life in Your righteousness.”* Psalm 119:40. May the Lord edify brothers and sisters with the teaching materials produced by Smyrna Resource Center.

A letter from a Brother Huang in Canada dated November 1, 2011: “I want to thank the hard work of brothers and sisters In Christ so that the children of God can be so abundantly supplied with spiritual nourishment through the work of Smyrna Resource Center.”

A letter from a sister from Thailand dated November 2, 2011: “Our church members often use the Bible study materials on the VCDs we received from your organization. We think that the quality of teaching is excellent. Thank you.”

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Finally, **we wish you all a happy Thanksgiving** and **a joyous Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Peace and good will toward men.**