

The background is a dark, starry space scene. It features various celestial bodies: a blue and white rocket in the top left, a blue planet with a white ring in the top right, a yellow and red striped planet on the left, a red and orange comet on the right, a purple planet with a pink ring on the right, and a large green and blue planet at the bottom. The scene is filled with yellow and pink stars and dark grey clouds.

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Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
Hebrews 13:8.

For I am the LORD, I do not change
Malachi 3:6.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.
Psalm 90:2.

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Then ...

It used to be a horse and a cart,
Trotting from place to place,
But getting anywhere took so long.

Then ...

Reaching God did not take long.
He was always with us,
He was known as Emmanuel,
Which meant *God with us*.



And now ...

We ride in fancy vehicles of all sorts,
Speeding from place to place,
Oh, the places you reach in such a little time!

And now

Reaching God does not take long.
He is always with us,
He is still known as Emmanuel,
Which means *God with us*.

God has not changed.



Then ...

Keeping a house warm was like an art,
With fuel, firewood, open fireplace,
Everything had to be in its right place.
Then the fire crackled and its warmth filled the
house.

Then ...

The warmth of God's love filled a heart.
It was not an art or science,
It only took a step of faith,
Saying, "yes, Lord, I believe You love me."



And now ...

Keeping a house warm is a tap away.
No fire crackles, no open fireplaces,
With a tap on the air conditioner,
Warmth fills the house.

And now ...

The warmth of God's love can fill a heart.
It is not an art or science,
It only takes a step of faith,
Saying, "yes, Lord, I believe You love me"

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Then ...

Making a meal was not so fun or fast.
With open flames, firewood, or coal,
With kitchens built outside main houses,
Oh! Mama spent so much time in the kitchen.

Then ...

God gave us all that we needed.
He was known as
Jehovah Jireh,
The God who provides.



And now ...

Making a meal is so much fun and fast.

I can even use a microwave,

Tap, tap, tap, my meal is done.

And now ...

God still gives us all that we need.

He is still known as

Jehovah Jireh,

The God who provides.

God has not changed.



Then ...

Washing clothes was a challenging task,
With washing paddles used to beat wet clothes,
Rubbing against washboards or stones,
Pushing dirt out from clothes.

Then ...

Our hearts were made clean,
From the stain and dirt of sin,
By the blood of Jesus.



And now ...

Washing clothes is easier and faster.

With a click and a hum,

The washing machine is on,

And dirt comes pouring out of wet clothes.

And now ...

Our hearts are still made clean,

From the stain and dirt of sin,

By the blood of Jesus.

God has not changed.



Then ...

Lighting a room was no easy task.

From candle lights to oil lamps,

Powered by smoky, smelly animal fat.

Want to read, write or mend a shirt?

Well, camp around the dim light till it burns out.

Then

Jesus brought light to our world.

His love, presence, joy, and peace,

Made every darkness go away.



And now ...

With the flick of a switch,
The whole room is brightened.
Want to study or work all night?
Sure, the light is here to stay.

And now ...

Jesus is still the light of the world.
His love, presence, joy, and peace,
Makes every darkness go away.

God has not changed.



Then ...

Talking on a phone was slow and expensive,
With wires, cables, and switchboards.

Want to talk on the phone?

Well, don't move!

Then ...

With your heart, mouth and ears opened,
You spoke, God heard.

“Call me,” He said, and “I will answer.”



And now ...

With a tap on a mobile phone,
Whether lying down, standing or walking,
You hear voices, see faces,
You smile, they smile; you laugh, they laugh.

And now ...

With your heart, mouth and ears open,
You speak, God hears.
“Call me,” He still says, and “I will answer.”

God has not changed.





About the book.

A lot has changed in our world from what it used to be - and that's a wonderful thing! From the way we moved goods and people, to cooking our meals and washing our clothes. However, through these changes, God has not changed: He remains the same.

The book, *Then and now: God has not changed* is written in free verse poetry. Using vivid illustrations, it describes some attributes of God, and how they relate to the changes and advancements in our world. It then concludes with the eternal truth in Malachi 3:6, "For I am the LORD, I do not change"

Other books by the author.

1. Dear God, Your love is the best!
 2. My emotions and God
 3. I can praise God
 4. ABCs of nighttime talk with God
 5. God, help me to be thankful
 6. Looking for Larry
 7. Skateboard Pride
 8. The true Christmas story
 9. Beth's graduation speech
 10. Mr. Denver needs a helping hand
- and more!

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