



God Listens and Changes His Mind

Exodus 32:7-14 (NIV)

In this passage, the Israelites had made a golden calf and were worshiping it. God was angry and told Moses that He was considering destroying the Israelites and starting over with Moses. However, Moses interceded on behalf of the people, and God relented from the disaster He had planned. Here is an excerpt from the passage:

Exodus 32:14 (NIV): "Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened."

This demonstrates an instance where God responded to Moses' plea and changed His initial decision.

Genesis 6:5-8 (NIV):

This involved Noah where God seems to change His mind based on a conversation. In the story of the flood found in Genesis 6-9, God initially decided to destroy all living creatures on the earth because of the wickedness of humanity. However, Noah found favor in God's eyes, and God chose to spare him and his family.

Genesis 6:5-8 (NIV): "The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. So the Lord said, 'I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.' But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."

God then instructed Noah to build an ark, and through Noah's obedience and righteousness, God decided to establish a covenant with him and spared Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark from the flood. So, in this instance, God's initial plan to destroy all living creatures was altered based on Noah's righteous character.

Jonah 3:10 (NIV)

There is another notable example in the book of Jonah where God changes His mind in response to human repentance. In the city of Nineveh, God had sent the prophet Jonah to declare that the city would be overthrown in 40 days due to its wickedness. However, when the people of Nineveh heard Jonah's message, they repented and turned from their evil ways.



Jonah 3:10 (NIV): "When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened."

In this case, God responded to the genuine repentance of the people of Nineveh and chose not to carry out the destruction He had initially proclaimed through Jonah. This demonstrates God's willingness to show mercy and change His course of action in response to human repentance.

Closing

These examples from the Bible illustrate the concept of God listening to humans and, in some cases, changing His mind based on their prayers, repentance, or intercession.

The instances mentioned above are among the most prominent examples in the Bible where it appears that God listened to humans and altered His course of action. While there may be other passages with similar themes, these are some of the key instances that come to mind. If you have a specific scenario or book in mind, feel free to mention it, and I'll do my best to provide relevant information.