

THE CHANGELESS FAITH OF GOD



In the years following the Declaration of His mission, Bahá'u'lláh began to explain further about God and His Messengers. He explained how God can never be completely known by man. He is far higher and greater than we can ever imagine. And this is why He sends us His Messengers. They are like perfect mirrors which reflect the light and love and knowledge of God. When we turn to Them, it is as though we are turning to God Himself.

Bahá'u'lláh said that all the Messengers of God are as great as each other, although some of Their teachings may be different because They come at different times in history.

The Messengers of God are not only Teachers, but the spiritual teachings they bring are like the sun in springtime. Just as the sun makes the flowers grow and everything come to life after the long, dark winter, so this light from God makes us good and loving when it shines in our hearts. And when we listen to the Words of God it makes us wise and more understanding.

Bahá'u'lláh explains the power of this light in other ways too. He said we are like candles and if we are left to ourselves then the candles will never be lit. It is the Words of God which light the candles of our hearts.

Another example Bahá'u'lláh gives is that our hearts are like mirrors which are very dusty. And it is the Words of God which polish the mirrors so that they can reflect the attributes of God.

The Messengers of God are the pure channels for this light from God.

Questions:

- a) Can we ever completely know God?
- b) Why not?
- c) Why does God send His Messengers?
- d) Are all the Messengers of God as important as each other?
- e) What does the light of God do when it shines in our hearts?
- f) What two things does Bahá'u'lláh say we are like?
- g) Can a candle give any light if it is not lit?
- h) Can a mirror reflect anything if it is dusty?
- i) What lights the candle of our hearts?
- j) What polishes the mirror of our souls?