Back to the Basics

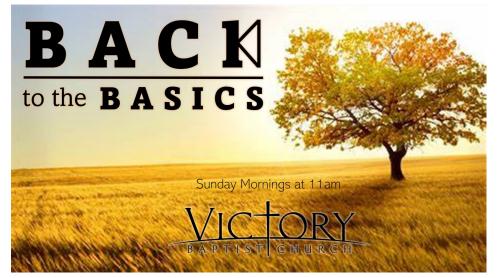
- mercifully / graciously / longsuffering (patiently) / abundantly in goodness and truth...
- we can expect Him to forgive iniquity / transgression / and sin
- and ... when God says to Moses ... visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation this tells us that we can expect God to always act in fairness and justice.

B. the	of His character	
it is impossible for God's character to not be consistent with		
God's attributes. And the reason it is important to not remove		
the landmark of God's character from our heart is because it is		
His character is what molds and sha	apes the Christian's charac-	
ter.		

As people who belong to Jesus; as people who've been bought with the Blood of Jesus; as people who claim Jesus as our Lord and King; as people who deserve nothing but have been given everything through God's wonderful grace, we are called and commanded to ... present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Basically, the landmark of God's character should stand in our heart in order to help us to grow in grace in Christ-likeness.

Does the landmarks of God and His creation stand strong in your neart this morning? Does the landmark of God's character dic-
tate how you live this morning?



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Proverbs 22:28

The basic principle of Proverbs 22:28 warns us against tampering with the long established landmarks ... i.e... the basic truths, standards, and principles of our faith.

With this in mind, this morning we begin a new series called Back to the Basics, where on Sunday mornings throughout 2023 we will look at a basic Biblical principle, doctrine, truth or application and learn the teaching of that landmark and why it shouldn't be tampered with.

This morning we start our series with 2 very basic truths that are foundational to the Christian faith as they are landmarks that God intends to stand strong and unmoved in the heart of every Christian.

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The first basic landmark of our series is I: The Landmark of Why have we "progressed" so far away fro creation? Romans 1 gives us the answer	: Romans 1:18-32 om God's landmark of
It all starts with A. man's or In Romans 1:18-23 we find man's systemate moval of God as Creator from man's heart find God's response to man's rejection as we man's rejection.	tic rejection and re- . And in v24-31 we
24 Wherefore God also gave them up to untitle lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour it tween themselves: 25 Who changed the true and worshipped and served the creature me who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this oup unto vile affections: for even their women natural use into that which is against natural use into that which is against natural use of their lust one toward another; men with me which is unseemly, and receiving in themse of their error which was meet. 28 And even to retain God in their knowledge, God gave robate mind, to do those things which are in 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, for covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, in ceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, it spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil to parents, 31 Without understanding, covered natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 3 judgment of God, that they which commit stand them.	their own bodies be- uth of God into a lie, nore than the Creator, cause God gave them en did change the re: 27 And likewise e woman, burned in en working that elves that recompence a as they did not like e them over to a rep- not convenient; rnication, wickedness, nurder, debate, de- haters of God, de- hings, disobedient to antbreakers, without 82 Who knowing the such things are wor-

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B landmark of creation The fundamental landmark of creation is that God, as found in the Bill in the God.
the Bible, is the Creator.He is the only One with the wisdom to create the universe and give life
 He is the only One with the power to create the universe and give life He is the only One with the desire to create the universe
 He is the only One with the desire to create the universe and give life He is the only One that Bible tells us DID create the universe
 and give life He is the only One who can sustain the universe and life and He is the only One who will determine when the universe and earth as we know it will end.
Clearly, the understanding and belief that God is the Creator of the universe and all that is in it, is landmark that God won tolerate being tampered with as it is foundational to our understanding of Who God is and our relationship with Him.

The second landmark for today is ...

II: The Landmark of God's _____

God's character is different than His attributes in that His attributes are not chosen, but rather they make up who and what God is. His character is a little different. Notice first ...

A. the ______ of His character: Ex. 34:6-7 While God's attributes tells us who and what God is, His character speaks to how God chooses to act towards us based upon His attributes.

According to this, and many other passages of Scripture, we can expect God to act ...