

# Hebrews 1:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

## Analysis

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The metaphor of changing garments illustrates God's sovereign control over creation - He can remake it at will, yet He Himself remains unchanged. The Greek 'helikseis' (roll up) suggests a scroll being rolled, possibly alluding to Isaiah 34:4. The doctrine of divine immutability is crucial to Reformed theology: God's promises, purposes, and covenant faithfulness cannot change, providing assurance to believers.

## Historical Context

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This imagery would resonate with readers familiar with the apocalyptic literature that depicted cosmic transformation. The New Testament elsewhere speaks of new heavens and new earth (2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1).

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's unchangeableness provide stability in your spiritual life?

2. What does this verse teach about the relationship between Creator and creation?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ ὡσεὶ περιβόλαιον ἔλιξεις αὐτὸς καὶ  
And as a vesture shalt thou fold the same And  
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ἀλλαγήσονται· σὺ δὲ ὁ αὐτὸς εἰ καὶ τὰ ἔτη σου  
they shall be changed thou but the same art And G3588 G1488 G2532 G3588 G2094 G4675  
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οὐκ ἐκλείψουσιν  
not fail  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 13:8** (Parallel theme): Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

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