

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

If we are made *in the image of God*, then we need to stop trying to make God into the image that we want Him to be.

I believe I have shared this before, but it's so good and true that I just have to share it again. This is from the mouth of a young worship leader during prayer.

"God, please take away everything we know about You, and replace it with the truth."

So many people have taken God and molded Him into what they want Him to be.

They say He is ok with people living together outside of marriage.

They say He is ok with same sex marriages.

They say He hates certain races.

They say He doesn't care if they go to church or not.

They say _____? You fill in the blank of what you think God says or who you think that God is.

All these examples are wrong and are not who God is or what He says.

So ask yourself, does what you believe about God match up to the bible and what it says about Him? Or have you molded God into what you want Him to be, even if it's against what, or who God says that He is?

They have stores where you can buy a teddy bear and dress him into whatever outfit you want him to be. Maybe you want one that's a mailman, or a dancer, or a nurse, or a clown, or a _____ . What would you dress your teddy bear to be?

But we think we can do the same thing with God. We think of how we know that He exist, and if we read the bible, we think that we can take Him out of the box of what the bible says about Him and then change Him from who He is and dress Him up to fit what we want Him to be.

Yet over the years, so many have taken and added little things to who they think God is, or should be, and all those little things pile up until you come up with a god who is not the God of the bible. That's usually what happens when cults are formed. They take the basics about God and add, or even take away from that and fill in the blanks with their own thinking, or idea of who God is and should be.

But God says about Himself that: ***For I am the LORD, I do not change Malachi 3:6a***

If you think about it, sometimes our prayers are not answered because we have molded God into what we want Him to be, so we may be praying for what the God of the bible does not approve

of.

† **Isaiah 44:9-10** *Those who make an image, all of them are useless, and their precious things shall not profit; They are their own witnesses; They neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed. Who would form a god or mold an image That profits him nothing?*

So take your ideas about who God is, and match them up against the bible. If they match up, you are serving the God of the bible, if they are not, then maybe you should pray:

“God, please take away everything I know about You, and replace it with the truth.”

† **Psalm 86:11** *Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.*