

It is a common assumption that we all serve the same God. When people are asked on the street about their particular god, many similarities seem to exist. Very seldom do we consider where our God came from...

Some will assure us that God comes from a weak mind; others will insist our upbringing, and yet others will insist missionaries brought this foreign knowledge.

No matter the source of our knowledge, each day we are developing our concept of God. We are either accepting or rejecting ideas about God. Why is this important? Consider:

Idolatry: the worship of images which are supposed to represent God but are not representative of God.

Though we think of idolatry strictly as worshipping an image, many worship a god they have

created, but it does not accurately represent the true God as presented in the Word of God. Are you an idolater??? Have you created your own god?

- 1) The Word states only one God exists (Deut 6:4). Himself alone! Do you believe someday you will become a god? You are an idolater and have fallen for the Devil's lie (Gen 3:4-5)!
- 2) Do you use images of saints or god in worship? shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Exo 20:4. You do not worship the God of The Book for He forbids it. You are an idolater!

swered him, saying, For a *good work we stone thee not;* but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. (John 10:33). Jesus claimed deity and the (John 8:58). You have

3) Do you believe that Jesus is

The Jews an-

not God?

unbelieving Jews denied it created your own god and you are an idolater!

- 4) Do you deny the Father and Son existing at the same time? Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. (I John 2:22). They do coexist. You are an idolater (John 16:13, I John 5:7).
- Does your god send people to Hell? For if God spared

not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell... The Lord knoweth how...to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished! (I Pet 2:4a, 9). The God of the Book does send people to Hell. If your god does not send sinners to hell, vou are an idolater!

The Conclusion:

The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; eves have they, but they see not; They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths. They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them. (Psalm 135:15-18). According to God you are as powerless —as the god vou have created. Your god cannot hear you in your hour of need.

Are you willing to turn from the impotent god you have created to the all-powerful God who is revealed in the Scriptures? Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:7). Do you want God's abundant pardon? Repent of your sin and turn to Him, today?

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