



## Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

It has been said, "God made us in His image, and we've been trying to return the favor ever since." In his excellent and increasingly-relevant book, *Ten Lies About God*, Erwin Lutzer examines common misconceptions about God – ten contemporary ways man is trying to remake God:

**1. God is whatever you want Him to be**

Biblical Truth: "*Our God...does whatever pleases him*" (Ps.115:3; cf. Ps. 50:21, 135:6; Is.55:8-9).

**2. Many paths lead into God's presence**

Biblical Truth: "*Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'*" (John 14:6; cf. Jn.3:16-18, 36; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim.2:5-6).

**3. God is more tolerant than He used to be**

Biblical Truth: "*I the Lord do not change...*" (Mal.3:6; cf. Num.23:19; Ps.103:8-12; Jms.1:17).

**4. God has never personally suffered**

Biblical Truth: "*[Christ] took up our infirmities...carried our sorrows...was pierced for our transgressions...crushed for our iniquities...oppressed and afflicted*" (Is.53:3-10; cf. 1Pet.2:23-24).

**5. God is obligated to save followers of other religions**

Biblical Truth: "*Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven*" (Matt.7:21; cf. Rom.1:18-23).

**6. God takes no responsibility for natural disasters**

Biblical Truth: "*The Lord does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths. He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth; he sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses*" (Ps.135:6-7; cf. Ps.89:8-9; Mk.4:35-41).

**7. God does not know our decisions before we make them**

Biblical Truth: "*I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come...*" (Isa 46:10; cf. Ps.33:10-11, 139; Prov.19:21, 21:30; Rom.11:33-36; Heb.4:13).

**8. The Fall (of mankind) ruined God's plan**

Biblical Truth: "*[God] has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace...given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time*" (2 Tim 1:9; cf. Acts 2:22-24, 3:18, 4:28; Eph.1:4, 7-10, 3:10-11; Tit.1:2).

**9. We must choose between God's pleasures and our own**

Biblical Truth: "*Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart*" (Ps.37:4; Ps.16:5-11; Jn.10:10, 17:3; Phil.4:4; 1Thess.5:16; 1Pet.1:8-9).

**10. God helps those who help themselves.**

Biblical Truth: "*the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so*" (Rom.8:7; cf. Rom.3:10-18, 4:4-5, 5:6-8; Eph.2:1-8; 2Tim.1:9; Tit.3:3-7).

Idolatry has existed since the fall (cf. Ex.20:3-6; Dan.5:23-24; Ps.115:4-8; Is.44:9-20; Jer.10:3-10; Acts 17:29). Unfortunately, however, too many Christians become enamored with or deceived by a man-made god. The God of the Bible will not be diminished, distorted or defiled in any way – certainly not by those whom He has created. This caveat rings with a sobering truth: "woe to those who see themselves in a mirror and proclaim that they have seen God."

Together in and for Christ,  
Pastor David

**Scripture Readings for the Week** (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #4):

Genesis 12-15; Joshua 16-20; Psalm 9-11; Job 7-8; Isaiah 18-22; Matthew 8-10; Romans 7-8

**Recommended Reading:**

"Ten Lies about God" by Erwin Lutzer

Calendar of  
Events:

February 9  
Men's Breakfast  
February 10, 12:30pm  
New Year's  
Celebration Potluck  
February 16  
Women's Breakfast  
February 20  
Awana Grand Prix

Looking Ahead...

Easter Sunday  
April 21  
Men's Retreat  
May 3 - 5

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## Growth & Study.....

### Men's Group Studies

Mondays ~

**6:30pm** "The Measure of a Man: Twenty Attributes of a Godly Man"  
w/Jeff Etzel (541-260-8725)

Wednesdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "The Pursuit of God"  
w/Pastor David (541-756-3311)

Thursdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "The King and His Kingdom-The Parables of Christ"  
\*Begins February 7  
w/Pastor Tim (541-756-3311)

Fridays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Joseph-A Man of Integrity and Forgiveness"  
w/Pastor David (541-756-3311)

### Adult Group Studies

Sundays ~

**6:30-7:30pm** "The Gospel According to God" \*Begins February 10  
At the Woodruff's Home (541-756-3311)

### Young Adults

Thursdays ~

**7:00-9:00pm** At Skyline  
w/Pastor Tim (541-756-3311)

### Women's Group Studies

Mondays ~

**6:30pm** "Romans"  
w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

Tuesdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Taming the Tongue"  
w/Loy Huntzinger (360-607-0022)

**8:30am** "Isaiah, the Lord Saves"  
w/Beth Wallstrom (541-404-0112)

**9:00am** "Philippians: Knowing Jesus...Knowing Joy"  
w/Lois-Elaine Rencehausen (541-751-3169)

**1:00-2:15pm** "Hebrews"  
w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

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w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

Wednesdays ~

**9:00-10:30am** "Romans"  
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

**10:00am** "Seeking God's Great Riches, the Book of Hebrews"  
w/Karla Fries (541-267-0139)

**6:30-8:00pm** "Romans"  
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

## Church News & Events.....

### *Men's Breakfast ~ February 9, 8:30am*

Men, join us at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, devotion & fellowship.

### *New Year Celebration Potluck ~ February 10, 12:30pm*

Please join us after 2nd service for a potluck lunch and fellowship in the Fireside Room for our New Year Celebration. We'll be serving soup, salad, dessert & beverages. Sign up in the foyer after services.

### *Women's Breakfast ~ February 16, 8:30am*

Ladies, please join us for a light breakfast, fellowship and devotions.