**Amen or Awoman?**

Introduction: On January 3rd Representative Emanuel Cleaver from Kansas City said the following prayer, “"And dare I ask, oh Lord, peace even in this chamber now and evermore," "We ask it in the name of the monotheistic god, Brahma, and god known by many names by many different faiths. Amen and awoman."  **Romans 1:22 -22.**

**I) Gender Neutral V. Gender Change**

**A) Not a new concept**

**B) Seeing the Bible as sexist**

1. As women were treated as **Genesis 19:8 "**

2. Therefore, some have sought to translated God as being female.

3. Bible verses which celebrate women? **a. Galatians 3.28; b. Hosea 4:14; 1 Corinthians 11:12; d. Psalm 68:11 ESV**

**C) God**

1. Making God in man’s image.

2. Most congregations today now favor a feminine deity over a stern, authoritative lawgiver.

**Titus 2:11 -12**

**II) Defining and Understanding the Words**

**A) God is not a .Numbers 23:19**

1. God is , John 4.24.

2. God is our .**Genesis 1:26 -27.**

**B) Defining Biblical Words**

1. Amen – does not refer to sex, i.e. “men” but means “ ” **Psalms 89:52**

2. Man – **Genesis 2:7; 19**

a. generic name of the human race,  **Matthew 4:4**

3. Son (sons)

**C) Yahweh translated as Jehovah**

1. Adoni – translated as “ ” which meant “ ”

2. “He is”

3. The idea is one of Reverence toward God. **Exodus 20:7;** **Leviticus 24:16**

4. Expressed by Jesus in the model prayer**.Matthew 6:9**

**III) Distinguishing Usages in the Bible**

**A) Man/Son used generically v, gender .**

1. Some modern translators have changed terms from “son” or “man” because our usage of the word has changed. **Mark 1:17**

2. There are times the words “son” or “man” is used **Matthew 19:4--5**

**B) God is not a man but our “Heavenly Father”**

1. Passages which attributes “motherly qualities” to God. **Hosea 11:3-4,** 2. **Jer. 31:32**

Conclusion: Instead of trying to change God into our image we must conform to the image of God. His qualities, His love, His righteousness. **Romans 12:1**