

The Trivialization Of God

Donald W. McCullough, in his book, "The Trivialization of God" says, "When the true story gets told, whether in the partial light of historical perspective or in the perfect light of eternity, it may well be revealed that the worst sin of the church at the end of the 20th century has been the trivialization of God" p. 13. God has been pared down to more manageable proportions, and refashioned to fit people's expectations, and to service their desires. And so, people seek to control God, by making Him suit their own personal needs. Often we hear, "It doesn't make any difference what you believe and teach, we all worship the same God?" They form the mental image of the kind of God they think God ought to be, hence, "a God of their liking."

In Psalms 50: 21 God said, "You thought I was one like yourself." Many want a God that thinks like they want Him to think; act like they want Him to act; and reason like they want Him to reason. And so, they have elevated themselves to the high position of God, and in so doing have brought God down to their own level. They have produced a god who is worshipped and served in what might be called "cafeteria-style" religion. He has become a god who fits the contours of themselves. But, such a god is no larger than the one who perceives Him, and will never transcend the individual's concept of him. Thus, He has become a "trivial god!" Trivial means: "commonplace, ordinary; of little worth or importance; insignificant." To "trivialize" something is to treat it as if it didn't matter. Is it not true that multitudes of people treat God and His word as if they do not matter and are of little worth? What a degraded view of God. Think on these things.

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