



# Pastor's Comments

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### A God Of Our Making?

In Exodus 20:3, God commanded, *"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."* Later, His people foolishly turned away from Him to worship idol **gods of their own making**. In chapters 40-46 of Isaiah, God repeatedly reveals Himself as, *"the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator"* and mocks the vanity of **man making up his own god** from trees declaring, *"a deceived heart hath turned him aside."*

Today many who claim to believe in God fail to read the Bible for themselves and thus fail to gain a clear understanding of God's revelation of Himself in the Word of God. Consequently they create concepts in their minds of **a god of their own making**—one who validates and justifies their own belief system, their level of morality (or immorality), etc.

The one true and living God has clearly revealed in the Bible the wonderful aspects of His glorious character. In Exodus 34:6 He proclaimed He is *"The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth."* Throughout the Bible He declares He is holy, just, and righteous as well as a God of genuine love Who forgives those who sincerely acknowledge and repent of their sins.

There are those who adhere to an unbalanced concept of God's love that ignores the holy and just nature of God. Their perverted concept is of a permissive god who overlooks sin, but in the Bible, God's love never trumps His holy nature. Regardless of what problems some may have in relating to God's holy nature, let it be clear that **He's not a God of our own making!** He is Who He is! In Exodus 3:14 He told Moses, *"I AM THAT I AM!"* He is entirely holy and a God of mercy and love. That's why His Son, Jesus Christ, had to die upon the cross. His righteous and just nature demanded payment for our sins. His love provided that payment for all who believe in Him as 1John 1:9 says, **"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."**