



# 10 Deceptive Beliefs About God

## Lie #1

**God is whoever or whatever you want Him to be.**

### Introduction:

-Why is it important to understand who the God of the Bible really is?

A. What we believe about God affects the way we \_\_\_\_\_.

-1 Samuel 17:40-51

B. What we believe about God affects the way we \_\_\_\_\_.

-John 4:23-24

“What we believe about God is the most important thing about us.” A.W. Tozer

Two ways to attain a knowledge of God:

A. Begin with yourself and reason \_\_\_\_\_.

- This type of approach leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Idolatry is fashioning an idea of God according to our own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Begin with God and accept His \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

- This is the true \_\_\_\_\_ in understanding the God of the Bible.

- It doesn't matter who God is to us, but who He is according to His \_\_\_\_\_.

**I. The God of my \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

A. Common misconceptions

- God wants me to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- God wants me to be \_\_\_\_\_.

B. What the Bible says:

- 2 Corinthians 12:8-9
- John 5:1-9
- Matthew 8:20
- Philippians 4:11-13

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“The Word of God simply reveals that lack of poverty are not in line with God’s will for the obedient... Allow the Holy Spirit to minister the truth to your spirit until you know beyond a doubt that God’s will is prosperity.” Gloria Copeland

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**II. The God of my \_\_\_\_\_ needs**

A. Common views:

- Sin is redefined as a lack of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
- God exists to give me \_\_\_\_\_.

B. What the Bible says:

- Ephesians 2:1
- 1 Timothy 1:15

“In our therapeutic culture, where all of us are allegedly either in recovery or denial, we have exchanged the language of Scripture for the language of *Psychology Today*.” Erwin Lutzer

**III. Application:**

-When we make God into our own image, we are guilty of committing \_\_\_\_\_.

-Therefore, our number one pursuit in life ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ God.

-Psalm 42:1-2

-Philippians 3:10-14