

Bible), God's will (what He wants us to be or to do), or God's actions (what He has done or is doing in our lives or the lives of others)?

Think of it! The Israelites were dissatisfied with the God who had chosen them out of all the nations of the world, had redeemed them with the blood of the Passover lamb, and had delivered them from their bondage in Egypt with a mighty arm and an outstretched hand!

They wanted God to be different! They wanted another kind of God, a God more to their liking, a God who would not interfere with their personal lives or punish them for violations of His Law, who would provide for all of their needs and gratify all of their desires, who would not let them suffer any hardship or sickness, who would be tolerant of other gods and other forms of worship, and who would drive away or destroy all of their enemies and bring them safely and quickly to the Promised Land.

That's the kind of a God they wanted! That's the kind of a God they felt they could be satisfied with!

And what kind of a God was that?

Well, first, they wanted a God who would gratify their appetites.