

Some Christians use the Procrustean method when they think or speak about God. (Procrustes was a legendary highway robber of ancient Athens, who tied his victims on an iron bed, and then either stretched them or chopped off part of their legs to make them fit the bed!) Some use the Procrustean method in their conception of God. They conceive of Him, not as He is, but as they want Him to be.

Some illustrate this method by their statements. They say things like: "That's not how I think of God" or "That may be your kind of God, but it's not mine!" or "Maybe you can believe in a God like that; I can't!"

Of course, we know that the crucial issue is not what we may think or feel about God, but who He really is. And the only way we can learn who He is, is by listening to what God tells us about Himself in His revelation!

In 1 Corinthians 10:14 Paul says, "Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry."

What is idolatry?

Basically, it consists in worshipping a god of our own making. The Israelites failed to maintain a vital faith in God, became dissatisfied with and departed from the living God, and moved toward idolatry.