

Creating God in Our Image

(Luke 22:31-34)

- Introduction:
1. Some have inadvertently re-written (Genesis 1:26).
 2. Instead of God saying, "Let us make man in our image," man has said, "Let us make God in our image."
 3. (Numbers 23:19).
 4. Man's remaking of God has resulted in...
 - a. A false sense of security in some.
 - b. A lack of assurance in others.
 5. While I don't know if there is a single Bible story that gives us a full picture of God with all his attributes, there is a snapshot taken of Jesus in Luke 22 that I would like for us to examine.

I. Peter's Failure

- A. (Luke 22:33-34).
- B. I believe Peter was genuine in his declaration (Luke 22:50; John 18:10).
 1. How often have we performed below our intentions?
 2. (Romans 7:15).
- C. Notice Peter's reaction (Luke 22:61-62).

II. Jesus' Response

- A. (Luke 22:31-32).
- B. There are three facts about God/Jesus we need to know from these verses.
 1. Satan is in subjection to God.
 - a. (Luke 22:31) He asked for the apostles. (The "you" is second person plural).
 - b. He had just been victorious over Judas (Luke 22:3-6).
 - c. (Job 1:6-12).
 2. Jesus makes intercession for us.
 - a. (Luke 22:32).
 - b. (Romans 8:33-34).
 - c. Jesus is not an impassionate bystander.
 3. Jesus forgives.
 - a. (Luke 22:32).
 - b. He knows Peter is going to fall, yet he is not through with him.
 - c. (Mark 16:7).

- Conclusion:
1. I'm so thankful for this glimpse of God in this passage.
 2. Sometimes we focus more on Peter's failure, than God's desire and acceptance.
 3. I hope we will all take hold of God's grace and receive it not in vain (2 Corinthians 6:1-2).