



**But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. -**

**Matthew 15:9**

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## **Church Maleness Syndrome**

In some branches of Christianity there is the teaching that God created religion to have a masculine feel. But when you stop to think this through logically, where will this thinking lead you?

“God has made Christianity to have a masculine feel. He has ordained for the church a masculine ministry.” – John Piper, Christian Leader

Bruxy Cavey responded to this teaching in a sermon called *Bad Ideas 01: God Is Male*. His response follows:

“This isn't right. This gets the royal pfffttt award for a bad idea. So we want to look at Scripture and correct the problem.”

Bruxy points out that this kind of bad idea causes bad thinking that leads to other bad thinking. Here are his suggestions on what those thoughts lead to:

God is male, therefore...

1. God is like other overbearing, uncaring, absent, or abusive, males that I know.
2. Feminine norms are less God-like than masculine norms.
3. My need to connect with feminine spirituality will have to be met through some other spiritual force, such as Mother Mary or Mother

Earth.

So if bad thoughts lead to other bad thoughts then let's think through logically this teaching that God has ordained for the church to have a masculine feel. God is planning to take the church as his bride. A groom will be intimate with his bride in ways that a true groom won't be with others. So, if the bride of Christ is male, then that teaching would lead one to believe that Jesus is a homosexual.

Perhaps this teaching should be rejected.

And rather than start any arguments I'll just leave this one here and let you think about how the church treats those who are members of the LGBTQ community. If God really intended to have a masculine feel and Jesus is planning to take the church as his bride then the religious organization shouldn't be refusing membership to those that are possibly closer to the Lord than those who are heterosexual.

Love and happy Sabbath to all.

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