



# **WHO IS THIS GOD**

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**LETTING GOD LOVE ON ME &  
LOVING HIM IN RETURN**

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# **WHO IS THIS GOD WHO WANTS TO HEAL MY HURTS AND FILL THE VOID IN MY LIFE?**

*How To Use this Resource: Meditate on one section a day,  
thanking God for who He is.*

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## **He is my Father.**

But ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. Romans 8:15b-16

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven. Matthew 6:9a

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. I John 3:1a

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. John 1:12

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him? Matthew 7:11

## **He gives special attention to the Fatherless.**

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. Psalm 27:10

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God.  
Psalm 68:5a

### **He is always loving; He is Love!**

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. I John 4:16

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. John 15:9

Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Jeremiah 31:3b

### **He likes me! Some people love us but don't like us, but He even calls me His friend!**

Henceforth I call you not servants,...but I have called you friends. John 15:15

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

He delivered me, because he delighted in me. Psalm 18:19b

### **He accepts me!**

He hath made us accepted in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:6b

This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matthew 3:17b

**He does not want me to be afraid.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

**He will never leave or abandon me. He is always there.**

For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5b

None of them that trust in him shall be desolate (abandoned). Psalm 34:22b

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matthew 28:20b

...They shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Matthew 1:23b

**He gives me peace. He is peace!**

....His name shall be called...The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6b

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Isaiah 26:3

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6,7

**He never wants to turn His face from me or isolate me.**

...and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto Him.  
II Chronicles 30:9b

**He is faithful. He will always keep His promises.**

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.  
II Timothy 2:13

**He is unchanging and can always be counted on. His feelings toward me and His character never change.**

For I am the Lord, I change not. Malachi 3:6a

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.  
Hebrews 13:8

**He cares for me and wants to bear my burdens and meet my needs!**

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. I Peter 5:7

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

## **He is my Shepherd who bears me up in His arms.**

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10:11

He shall feed his flock like a Shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in His bosom. Isaiah 40:11a

## **He wants to heal my hurts.**

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. Psalm 147:3

## **He gives me courage.**

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. II Timothy 1:7

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. Psalm 56:3

Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Jeremiah 1:8

## **He is my Comforter.**

...the God of all comfort. II Corinthians 1:3b

...the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. John 14:26a

**He hates sin and wants me to be close to Him.**

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil. Psalm 97:10a

And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine. Leviticus 20:26

**He will forgive me.**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:12

**He is merciful. He does not turn His back on me when I sin. There might be consequences but He does not give me the punishment I deserve.**

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Psalm 86:5

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. Psalm 86:15

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. Micah 7:18

**He constantly gives me grace (undeserved favor) for salvation and for victory over sin. My sin is never more abundant than His grace and forgiveness. I need daily grace, the supernatural strength, power, and desire to do His will.**



Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. Romans 5:20b-21

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. II Corinthians 9:8

**He uses His Word to wash and renew my mind.**

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. Ephesians 5:26

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. Psalm 119:9

**When I feel like giving up or giving in, God can help me do what is right.**

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. Psalm 73:26

**He will always give me a way of escape so I don't have to sin.**

There hath no temptation taken you but such is as common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. I Corinthians 10:13

**He is my Protector and my Deliverer.**

Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you. II Chronicles 20:17a

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord. Isaiah 54:17

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. Psalm 34:7

### **He is all-powerful.**

Ah Lord God! Behold, thou has made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee: Jeremiah 32:17

### **He always gives hope and not discouragement. I am the "Messer Upper" and He is the "Fixer-Upper"!**

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Romans 15:13

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end [Hope]. Jeremiah 29:11

### **He gives me a new start every day. Venus is the brightest star and each morning is seen at the beginning of the morning.**

He is the...Bright and Morning Star. Revelation 22:16b

**I need to be able to distinguish the voices I am hearing in my head. Even after I ask forgiveness, Satan still accuses, condemns, discourages, and shames me with thoughts such as "something is wrong with you," "you'll never be free,"**

**and “just give up.” I need to cast down these thoughts and embrace what God tells me in His Word and recognize His voice. He completely forgives me, restores our fellowship, gives hope for the future and brings peace and joy. After forgiveness, God is all about going forward and not looking back.**

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. II Corinthians 10:5-6

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13,14

### **His Spirit teaches me His Word.**

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. I Corinthians 2:12

He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6b

### **He promises me success if I think on His Word and do what It says.**

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Joshua 1:8

**His Spirit will convict me when I am wrong and will guide me into truth.**

...He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: John 16:8

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: Psalm 66:18

Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: John 16:13a

**His Spirit empowers me to witness.**

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me. Acts 1:8a

**He wants me to fellowship with Him in prayer.**

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33:3

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually. I Chronicles 16:11

**He does not want me to live independently of Him. I need to stay close to Him and work on a relationship with Him. He will live the Christian life through me. It is His strength not mine!**

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye

abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John 15:4-5

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13

Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. James 4:8a

**He will take my past sin and use it for good in my life. It is now part of my story of deliverance!**

All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28b

Create in me a clean heart.... Cast me not away....Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation....Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Psalm 51:10a-13

**He has a plan for my life.**

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace. II Timothy 1:9a

**God wants to give me good things.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. Psalm 34:8

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights. James 1:17a

...No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.  
Psalm 84:11b

### **He gives me wisdom.**

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.  
James 1:5

### **He is my Personal Counsellor.**

...His name shall be called...Counsellor. Isaiah 9:6

### **He is my Guide and will help me make decisions that are according to His will. I should not make decisions unless it is completely clear (no darkness).**

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:  
I will guide thee with mine eye. Psalm 32:8

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.  
Proverbs 3:6

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path. Psalm 27:11a

I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12b  
God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. I John 1:5b

### **He promises me eternal life.**

And I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10:28

**He never gets tired of me. (It is unthinkable that God would send His Son to save humans but then after putting up with all my issues, He still wants to spend eternity with me and is preparing a place for me).**

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:2, 3

## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TEENAGERS & SINGLE ADULTS**

*You can pray for a few each day.*

### **I pray that I will...**

1. Seek every opportunity for spiritual growth (Church Attendance, Bible Study, Scripture Memory).
2. Hate sin and get caught when I am guilty.
3. Have a quick, repentant heart.
4. Be sold out for Christ--Total Surrender/Total Dependence.
5. Be teachable and able to take correction.
6. Bear the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, etc.)
7. Trust the Lord for direction and occupation.
8. Have discernment regarding media and lust.
9. Not be conformed to the world, but transformed through Scripture.
10. Have a vision for how God can use me.
11. Have a heart for souls.
12. Seek first the kingdom of God.
13. Be content with the state of my life and not manipulate to get to the next stage.
14. Be satisfied with God alone without seeking other distractions or people to fill the void in my life.



15. Learn to delight myself in the Lord, trusting Him to grant me the desires of my heart.
16. Be submissive and respectful to all authorities in my life and find ways to encourage them.
17. Have love and unity with my siblings.
18. Be under the authority of my local church.
19. Actively pursue reaching the next generation.
20. Look for daily "Divine appointments."
21. Focus on the needs of others rather than retreating to myself.
22. Not hang around foolish people.
23. Have an accountability partner.
24. Pick good friends who will sharpen my walk with the Lord and who will stand with me as I lead for righteousness.
25. Reach out to those who are unstable spiritually (if I am stable) and bring them into my atmosphere, instead of going into theirs.
26. Lead others by example.
27. Diligently pursue emotional and physical purity out of love for God and my potential future mate.

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS AS A HUSBAND**

Provide loving leadership

Listen to her fears and insecurities

Be supportive of her in front of the children

Give her specific compliments and compliment her to others

Involve her in my ministry/occupation

Share my heart with her

Share with her my spiritual victories and struggles

Give her physical affection and verbal assurance of my love

Run to problems instead of becoming bitter or retreating

Share in the work around the house to lighten her load

Allow her to have quality devotional time

## **PRAYER REQUESTS AS A FATHER**

Lead my family in righteousness

Guard against sinful influences in the home

Have consistent family devotional time

Have a positive cheerful temperament with no anger (which brings discouragement)

Lead out in controlled discipline of the children

Give my children vision for their lives

Compliment my children to others, never embarrassing them in public

Praise them for character and actions

## **PRAYER REQUESTS AS A WIFE**

Sweet and submissive spirit	Meet his physical needs and desires
Not critical	His protection from slander
Supportive of his ministry/calling	Home to be his haven
Supportive of him as a person	Respectful vocal tone toward him
Share his burdens (not solve his problems)	Concentrate on his positive qualities
Share his vision	Pray before I speak
Lighten his load	
Uphold against temptations (strange women, lust, immodesty)	

## **PRAYER REQUESTS AS A MOTHER**

Meek and quiet spirit	Praise them for Godly character and actions
“Swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath”	Not provoke them to anger, bringing discouragement
Wisdom	Rear in faith, not fear
Train up in the way they should go	Believe in them—give them vision
Live a simple life—not distracted	Discern specific needs of each child
Respect their feelings	Teach children God’s Word
Compliment them to others	

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MY CHILDREN

- \*Salvation
- \*Will hate sin
- \*Healthy fear of the Lord
- \*Caught when guilty
- \*Respect those in authority
- \*Desire right friends
- \*Be protected from wrong friends
- Emotional purity
- \*Right mate in right time
- \*Mate to be pure until marriage (and in marriage)
- \*Honor their parents
- \*Quick repentant hearts
- Willing to ask forgiveness
- \*Sold out for Christ
- \*Submissive to Christ
- Resist Satan
- \*Teachable and able to take correction
- \*Bear the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness)
- \*Live by the Spirit and not gratify the flesh
- \*Trust the Lord for direction and occupation/college
- Learn obedience through things they suffer
- Have discernment regarding media & lust
- Set affection on things above
- Not conformed but transformed through Scripture
- Love and unity between siblings

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## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MYSELF

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## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OTHERS

### Family

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## THE 20-MINUTE CHALLENGE!

### *Developing a Relationship with My Savior*



We would encourage you to spend:

**5 minutes** - Meditating on a segment of *Who Is This God*. Example: "He accepts me." After you have thought about the fact that He accepts you and have read the verses in this category, thank God that He accepts you. Now, check off that category so you will know where to start the next day.

**5 minutes** - Praying for needs in your own life. Some ideas that you can pray for are listed on pg. 16-20, or you can add your own requests for yourself on pg. 21.

**5 minutes** - Pray for needs in the life of others. On pg. 21-22, you can put the names for those whom you are burdened.

**5 minutes** - Reading at least one chapter a day from your Bible until you finish that book of the Bible. Easier books to start with would be Matthew–Acts, Philippians, and James.

