

Who is this God who wants us to seek Him?

Creator - He is the God who made you for His purposes. You exist for His good pleasure and will. Your life is not your own.

Rev 4:11 - 11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and **by your will they were created and have their being.**" NIV

1 Cor 8:6-6 yet for us there is but **one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him**; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him. NAS

Rom 11:36 - 36 For from Him and through Him **and to Him are all things.** To Him be the glory forever. Amen. NAS

Sustainer - He is the God who holds your next breath in His hands. He holds the earth together, the planets in orbit, He controls the weather, indeed every molecule in the universe is held together by Him.

Acts 17:24-27 - 24 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25 neither is He served by human hands, **as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things**; 26 and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, 27 that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; NAS

Job 12:9-23 - 9 Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? 10 **In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.** 11 Does not the ear test words as the tongue tastes food? 12 Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding? 13 "To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his. 14 What he tears down cannot be rebuilt; the man he imprisons cannot be released. 15 **If he holds back the waters, there is drought; if he lets them loose, they devastate the land.** 16 To him belong strength *and* victory; **both deceived and deceiver are his.** 17 He leads counselors away stripped and makes fools of judges. 18 He takes off the shackles put on by kings and ties a loincloth around their waist. 19 He leads priests away stripped and overthrows men long established. 20 He silences the lips of trusted advisers and takes away the discernment of elders. 21 He pours contempt on nobles and disarms the mighty. 22 He reveals the deep things of darkness and brings deep shadows into the light. 23 **He makes nations great, and destroys them; he enlarges nations, and disperses them.**

Redeemer - He is the God who came seeking you. He has gone to the farthest length to prove His love for you.

We have gone astray. He came to save us from ourselves. We turned away from Him, He pursued us, and paid a ransom for our lives.

Isa 53:2-12 - 2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and **we esteemed him not.** 4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But **he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.** 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. 11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. NIV

John 3:16-21 - 16 "For **God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, **but to save the world through him.** 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. **But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.**"

