

# **HOUND GOD PRAYER (1 John 4: 14-19)** © 2009 DianaDee Osborne page 1 of 2

## **LYRICS**

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*AS YOU PRAY THIS SONG, you can change "he" and "him" to "she" and "her" ----  
or fervently fill in the actual name of the person you cry to God to help.*

“<sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son [as] Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>And we have known and **believed the love that God has for us. God is love**, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him... <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

<sup>19</sup>**We love Him because He first loved us.**” -- 1 John :4 14-19 NKJV

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Sheep dogs nip at drifting sheep. "Hurt" them to protect them.  
Stubborn sheep try to escape. Loving hound dogs chase them.

2

Loving God nips at us sheep. Chases to protect us.  
Stubbornly we seek self-will, can't believe God loves us.

3

God, I deeply pray this, sitting, standing, and on knees.  
God, my heart cries fervently – not just a polite “Please” :

## **CHORUS**

Hound him\* , haunt him\* , help him HUNT for You.  
Starve his heart with constant thoughts that  
“Something’s missing, Something’s lacking, Life feels EMPTY....”  
.... Then show him YOU.

4

Hound him as he looks around, sees Your wonders that should astound.  
Hound him with Your Holy Sprit’s TRUTH, God I cry. Please  
shepherd him to not give in to lies about You.  
Help him see it's love that prays -- not interfering God.... or friends. CHORUS

5

Hound her as she looks within., sees Your love -- help her not feel threatened.  
Hound her with Your Holy Sprit’s TRUTH that  
You love her, whatever sin.... Please  
shepherd her to see her sins disguised as self-choice.  
Help him see it's love that prays -- not interfering God.... or friends.

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Hound him as he looks about,  
sees people called "Christian" cause doubts.  
Hound him with Your Holy Sprit's TRUTH:  
Not all who use Your name are Yours. Please  
shepherd him to see they're no excuse to hate You.  
Help him see it's love that prays -- not interfering God.... or friends.

7

Hound her as she looks above, wonders if there's a god who loves.  
Hound her with Your Holy Sprit's TRUTH:  
that God requires sorrow for sin. God give her Hope and  
shepherd her to say: "God loves me \_\_\_\_\_ forever."  
Help her see it's love that prays -- not interfering God.... or friends.

### **Song Story.**

This song fits with TEARS OF BLOOD. Sadly, it also fits with IMPERCIPIENT and REPUTATION. It was written with that ever-increasing heartbrokenness at the soul pain seen within a couple of special someones in my life's path. But God truly loves far more than any of us can love... so imagine His pain to see the soul pain of persons He loves, who just won't yet seek God with true openness. God not only 'wants to be found,' but actively puts Himself in our paths, "to seek and save that which was lost" (described by Jesus in Luke 19:10, repeated in Hebrews 7:25). And yes, the original concept for this song came during a dyslexic moment writing about dogs! Amid my mistake, God prompted me to remember something I'd heard years ago in school, a poem by Francis Thompson (1859-1907) entitled "The Hound Of Heaven." A few lines:

" ...I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways  
Of my own mind; and in the mist of tears  
I hid from Him...  
(For, though I knew His love Who followed,  
Yet was I sore adread  
Lest, having Him, I must have naught beside.) ...."

Like Thompson, many people who know in their heads that God loves them are afraid to trust His love... afraid God will force them to give up what they think makes them happy (including 'intelligence' even though God himself says "Come now, and let us reason together" -- Isaiah 1:18. God wants us to have active faith in Him, not blind, mindless trust. In fact, the words "knowledge" and "wisdom" appear 100s of times in the Bible, many as being offered to us as gifts from God (such as James 1:5 and 6). But many are afraid of God even though Jesus declared,

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."  
(John 10:10 New King James Version).

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