HOUND GOD PRAYER (1 John 4: 14-19)

MUSIC SHEET

4/4 time (pu = 0)

dedicated to our Shepherding God 10 August 2009

TEMPO: 110 BPM

Album: Amazing Christ 'n' Critters

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.

" [14]And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son [as] Savior of the world. [15]Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. [16]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... [18]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.

[19]**We love Him because He first loved us**."   -- 1 John :4 14-19 NKJV

1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+

Part 1 (lightly for verses 1 and 2)   **BASS**: In Part 1, play the roots - not "denominators" ☺
As always, only bass note changes are shown, not strokes

	A				**D**			
1a	Sheep	dogs	nip	at	drift-	ing	sheep.	__
2a	Lov-	ing	God	nips	at	us	sheep.	__
3a	God,	I	* deep -	ly	pray	this,	sit-	ting,
melody E	E	* ^A	E	F#	F#	A	(F#)

* low A for verse 3a

	E		**D**	**D6**	**C**		**D**	
1b	"Hurt"	them	to	pro-	tect	__	them.	__
2b	Chas-	es	to	pro-	tect	__	us.	__
3b	stand-	ing,	and	on	knees ....
melody G#	G#	F#	F#	E		F#

	A				**Fmaj7**		**F**	
1c	Stub-	born	sheep	try	to	es-	cape.	__
2c	Stub-	born-	ly	we	seek	self-	will,	__
3c	God,	my	heart	cries	fer-	vent-	ly,	NOT
melody E	E	^A	E	^C	C	C	(C)

	G				**A**			
1d	Lov-	ing	hound	dogs	chase	__	them.	__
2d	can't	be-	lieve	God	loves	__	us.	__
3d	just	a	po-	lite	"Please":	__	__	__
melody B	B	G	G	A		A

CHORUS   *[Deliberate hectic pace for line 2, empty-ness sound for line 3.]*

1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+

SOFT   LOUDER   VERY LOUD
Am/E   **Am8** /A   **Dm8 Dm7 Dm6 Dm7 Dm6**

C-1 Hound   him,*   haunt   him,*   Help him* hunt for   You. __   __   __
Mel. E   E   ^A   A   D   C   B   C   B {=top notes of Dm chord}

Em   **F**   **G**   **Am**   **A**
C-2 Starve his* heart with con- stant thoughts that some-thing's miss- sing,   some-thing's lack- ing,
G   G   G   G   A   A   A   A   B   B   B   B   C   C   C#   C#

Em   (HOLD --)
C-3 life __   feels __   emp-__   ty..
G   G   G   G
                BASS SINGLE NOTES >>   G   G   G   G

                                            {quiet arpeggio EFAC}
Cmaj7 *(ROLL)*   **Fmaj7** /E   *(ROLL)*
C-4 __   Then   show   him*   You......./ extra measure /............ > Part 2
         E   E   D   E

Part 2

1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+

	Am8	**Am**						**Am6**	**Asus**	**Am**	
4a	Hound	him*	as	he				looks	a-	round,	__
5a	Hound	him*	as	he				looks	with-	in,	__
6a	Hound	him*	as	he				looks	a-	bout,	__
7a	Hound	him*	as	he				looks	a-	bove,	__
melody A		E		E		E		F#		D		E	
BASS ^A				vE				vC				vA	

	Dm		**Dm8**	**Dm8 Dm7 Dm6**		**Dm7**	**Dm6**	
4b	Sees	Your	won-	ders that should	as-	tound.	__ <Romans 1>
5b	Sees	Your	love--	help him not	feel	threat-	ened!
6b	Sees	peo-	ple	called "Christ-ian"	cause	doubts.	__
7b	Won-	ders	if	there's a god	who	loves.	__
melody ^A	A	^D	D	C	B	_	C	__	B	(B)
BASS v D	D	D	D	D	D	D	C	B	B	C	C	B (hold)

	Em				**Fmaj7** /C		**G** /D	
4-7c	Hound	him	with	Your	Ho-	ly	Spi-	rit's
melody ^ B	G	G	G	A	A	B	^C

BASS E..	F	G	G

	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
	Em				**Cmaj7**				**Am**				**D2**		**Dm**	
4d	Truth.	__			God,		I		cry....		__		__		__	
5d	Truth		that		You		love		him,		what-		ev-		er	
6d	Truth:		NOT		ALL		who		use		Your		name		are	
7d	Truth		that		God		re-		quires		sor-		row		for	
melody	B		G		G		F		E		E		E		D	
BASS	G				^D				vA				^E			

	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
	Am								**(Am)**							
4e	<...cry>		__		__		__		__		__		__		Please	
5e	sin....		__		__		__		__		__		__		Please	
6e	Yours.		__		__		__		__		__		__		Please	
7e	sin.		__		__		God,		Give		him		Hope		and	
melody	E	*<bass = Am arpeggios>*					D		E		E		F#		E	

	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
	Am /A								**Am6**		**Asus**		**Am**			
4f	shep-		herd		him		to		not		give		in		__		to
5f	shep-		herd		him		to		see		his		sins		dis-		.....
6f	shep-		herd		him		to		see		they're		no		__		ex-
7f	shep-		herd		him		to		SAY		**"God**		**loves**		__		**me** <stop>
melody	E		E		E		E		F#		D		E		(E)		E
BASS	A		A		A		x		vF#		*hold*		vA - **LOUD**			

	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
	Dm								**Dm7**		**Dm6**		**Dm**			
4g	lies		__		__				a-		bout		You.		__		__ > *TAG*
5g	guised		__		__				as	.....	self- __		choice. __		> *TAG*		
6g	cuse __		__		to		hate __		You. __		> *TAG*						
7g	*<person's name>* for-		ev-		__		er." __		__		> *TAG*						
melody	A				C		B		__		A						
BASS	v D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	> *TAG*		*LOUD BASS*					

TAG (quiet)   After each verse in Part 2.

	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
	F /C								**Dm7**							
T-1	Help		him		see		it's		love		that		prays,		**not**	
melody	A		A		A		A		F		F		F		F	
BASS	^F								^A							

	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
	Fmaj7/E								**Dm7**		**E**				**Cmaj7**	
T-2	in-		ter-		fer-		ing		God	....	or					
melody	E		E		E		D		E		C					
BASS	vE								D		{B,E} *loud*		C			

	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
	G /D								**Am** /E							
T-2	frie---								-nds..........................							
melody	D								E	....	end on D# > F#					
BASS	G								A						12.01.2009	

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 followèd,
> 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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