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Discovery 1

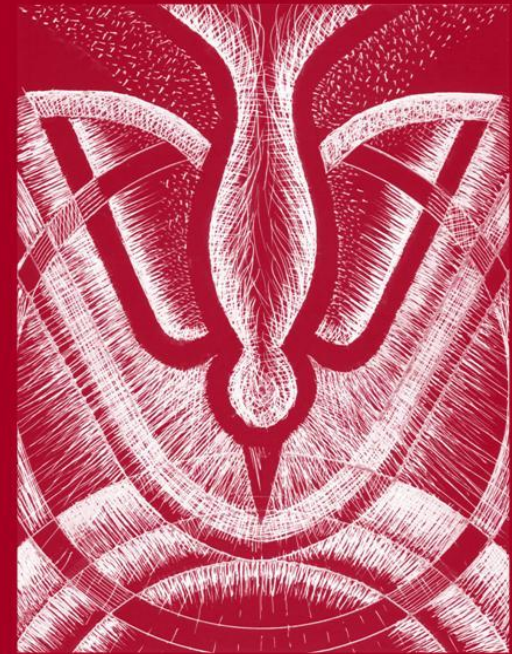


The Search

**Living God,
you are generous in creating,
compassionate in redeeming,
gracious in calling, and
tenacious in seeking out the lost.**

**Join our searching minds
to your searching Spirit
that we may come to know you
in the words of Scripture
and in Jesus Christ, your Living Word.**

**Search for us, speak to us,
and draw us closer to you. In Christ we pray. Amen.**



THE SEARCH BEGINS

Testament: Book name: Chapter: Verses:

Old Isaiah 55: 1 through 13

New Acts 17: 22 through 28

SEEK* (234/221) SEEKERS, SEEKING,
SEEKS, SELF-SEEKING,
SOUGHT

Lev	13.36	the priest need not s for the	35. 4	put to shame and dishonor who s
	19.31	do not s them out, to be	37.32	and s to kill them.
Num	10.33	to s out a resting place for	38.12	Those who s my life lay their
	16.10	yet you s the priesthood as	38.12	those who s to hurt me speak of
Deut	1.33	before you on the way to s out	40.14	to shame and confusion who s
	4.29	From there you will s the LORD	40.16	But may all who s you rejoice
	12. 5	But you shall s the place that	45.12	the people of Tyre will s your
Ruth	3. 1	I need to s some security for	53. 2	are wise, who s after God.
1 Sam	10. 2	"The donkeys that you went to s	54. 3	the ruthless s my life; they do
	10.14	To s the donkeys; and when we	56. 5	All day long they s to injure my
	20.16	May the LORD s out the enemies	63. 1	I s you, my soul thirsts for
	23.15	that Saul had come out to s	63. 9	But those who s to destroy my
	25.26	your enemies and those who s	69. 6	do not let those who s you be
	25.29	rise up to pursue you and to s	69.32	you who s God, let your hearts
	26. 2	to s David in the Wilderness of	70. 2	to shame and confusion who s
	26.20	of Israel has come out to s a	70. 4	Let all who s you rejoice and be
	28. 7	S out for me a woman who is a	71.13	let those who s to hurt me be
2 Sam	17. 3	You s the life of only one man,	77. 2	In the day of my trouble I s the
	20.19	you s to destroy a city that is	83.16	so that they may s your name, O
1 Ki	11.22	lack with me that you now s to	105. 3	let the hearts of those who s
	18.10	my lord has not sent to s you;	105. 4	S the LORD and his strength;
2 Ki	2.16	please let them go and s your	105. 4	s his presence continually.
	6.19	bring you to the man whom you s.	119. 2	who s him with their whole
1 Chr	4.39	to s pasture for their flocks,	119.10	With my whole heart I s you; do
	10.14	and did not s guidance from the	119.155	for they do not s your
	16.10	let the hearts of those who s	119.176	s out your servant, for I do
	16.11	S the LORD and his strength,	122. 9	I will s your good.
	16.11	s his presence continually.	141. 8	in you I s refuge; do not leave
	22.19	set your mind and heart to s	Prov	they will s me diligently, but
	28. 9	If you s him, he will be found	1.28	if you s it like silver, and
2 Chr	7.14	s my face, and turn from their	2. 4	to s you eagerly, and I have
	11.16	who had set their hearts to s	7.15	and those who s me diligently
	12.14	he did not set his heart to s	8.17	Evil people s only rebellion,
	14. 4	and commanded Judah to s the	17.11	Many s the favor of the
	15. 2	If you s him, he will be found	19. 6	I will s another drink."
	15.12	entered into a covenant to s	23.35	or to s honor on top of honor.
	15.13	Whoever would not s the LORD,	25.27	but those who s the LORD
	16.12	in his disease he did not s	28. 5	and they s the life of the
	17. 3	he did not s the Baals,	29.10	Many s the favor of a ruler, but
	19. 3	and have set your heart to s	29.26	applied my mind to s and to
	20. 3	he set himself to s the LORD,	Eccl	a time to s, and a time to lose;
	20. 4	Judah assembled to s help from	3. 6	know and to search out and to s
	20. 4	towns of Judah they came to s	7.25	I will s him whom my soul
	26. 5	He set himself to s God in the	Song	that we may s him with you?
	30.19	who set their hearts to s God,	6. 1	Why do you s further beatings?
			Isa	s justice, rescue the
			1.17	or s the LORD of hosts.
			9.13	and to s shelter in the shadow
			30. 2	S and read from the book of the
			34.16	You shall s those who contend
			41.12	

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