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Meet Tommy Tenney - God chaser. Join him in his search for God. Follow him as he ignores the maze of religious tradition and finds himself, not chasing God, but to his utter amazement, caught by the one he had chased.

## **The God Chasers: "My Soul Follows Hard After Thee" Details**

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# **From Reader Review The God Chasers: "My Soul Follows Hard After Thee" for online ebook**

## **George Hunger says**

I have heard much about The God Chasers book written by Tommy Tenney over the years and have intended to read it for some time. So, when I finally had the chance, I downloaded a digital copy and prepared to be inspired and encouraged to chase after God for all He's worth. In short, let me begin by saying that there are many things I liked about the book, but when an author teaches bad doctrine, it's hard to put a stamp of approval on such a book.

I agree with Tenney that "God is just waiting to be caught by someone whose hunger exceeds his grasp." I agree that God is waiting for people to genuinely seek Him in Spirit and truth. I also agree that the American church is largely comfortable in sin and is more willing to cling to it's religious routine than seek after God and His holiness. These are the things I like about the book.... however, there are serious flaws that need exposing.

Have you ever read a book and get the idea that the author is running out of things to say? I felt this way with The God Chasers. Tenney made his point... seek after God with all you've got... but then says it over and over and over again. He speaks of repentance and brokenness... a very good and necessary thing, but doesn't give any practical application on HOW to do that, or HOW to build disciplines into your Christian life in order to become more like Christ, or how to develop a lifestyle of repentance and discipline. There were simply no steps given in which to accomplish these things.

Secondly, and most important, Tenney's view of evangelism is seriously flawed. He states, when speaking of non-Christians,

"The bottom line is that people are sick of church because the Church has been somewhat less than what the Book advertised! People want to connect with a higher power! Their hunger drives them everywhere but the Church."

In the book, he goes on to explain that many non-Christian hang out in bars and filthy places because there is more of God in those places than in the church. Really? I think Tenney has overlooked the scripture that says our hearts are "deceitfully wicked above all things" and that unless we are born again, we never truly desire God. The Bible says that "none seek after God", that every heart is wicked and the unsaved "drink iniquity in like water". Truth is, non-Christians reject church because they reject God. Romans 1 says that every person sins with conscience, knowing that they are offending God. There's no way around it... they sin because they like it and are unwilling to submit to God and His ways.

Tenney then goes on to say that if we finally allow God into our churches, and His power moves mightily, that the unsaved will flock to our churches and they will be busting at the seams (paraphrased). Why does the author overlook the command to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel"? This is the way we are commanded to evangelize. Biblically, we are called to preach sin and repentance, and then offer cleansing and forgiveness through Christ for those that repent. Having great church services with God's presence is great... but I assure you it will not bring about revival alone. We must be obedient to the Word of God and DO what we are called to do... as well as seek God's face and His presence in our lives. BOTH are required to bring about genuine revival in America... and in the world.

Lastly, the author makes idiotic statements like "I'm afraid that we have satiated our hunger for Him by reading old love letters from Him to the churches in the Epistles of the New Testament. These are good, holy, and necessary, but we never have intimacy with Him. We have stifled our hunger for His presence by doing things for Him."

Why does the author diminish the value of the Word of God in order to push spending quality time with God? Isn't Jesus the Word made flesh? Aren't the two things one in the same? One cannot separate God from the Word that goes forth because they are the same thing. The Word is essential... in fact, I would argue that it takes precedence OVER whatever private word or unction, or goose bumps one may get in a good church service. God does not and will never contradict His Word. Church services don't change lives, but God's Word does. The author needs to recant of putting God's Word on a lower shelf and from placing experiences over it.

There are several smaller issues I take with the book, but it would be redundant to mention them here. Overall, I like the premise of the book, but the doctrine is atrocious and taxing, to say the least. I once told someone that when it comes to books like these, "I can eat the chicken and spit out the bones." Unfortunately, this is an example where one would spend too much time choking on the bones to actually enjoy the meal. May I humbly suggest skipping this boney little chicken and perhaps dining on a steak dinner prepared by A.W. Tozer, Leonard Ravenhill, J.C. Ryle, or the like? There's much better fare available to the discerning reader who is famished for more of God and His presence.

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### **Tony says**

This is a well intentioned book that falls woefully short. Yes, we should all seek the face of God and repent and seek revival. Tenney is right in that regard. What's troubling is his low view of scripture. He seems to be speaking out of both sides of his mouth. On the one hand he says that the Word of God is "dusty old love letters." On the other he says that scripture reading is vital.

If you're looking for good books about seeking God and growing closer to him, I recommend "The Pursuit of God" by A.W. Tozer, "Desiring God" by John Piper, or "The Holiness of God" by R.C. Sproul, just to name a few. Don't bother with this one.

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### **Chioma Bethel says**

I read this book in 2008 just before my graduation. it has led me down a five year path of being emptied of my fleshy aspirations and being literally filled on a constant basis with His bigger dreams. i prefer to walk with a limp and be blessed than strutting about in self-conceived importance on a void path. wow, chasing God is actually allowing Him to lift you up and draw you closer. it is a response to divine love.

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### **Adrienna says**

Even though the book was written in the late 90s, it still grabs my attention since this is how I am feeling right now: sick of church but still hungry for God. I think most churches have not only become social clubs

for believers and forget the lost but also worship and admire the messenger instead of abiding to the message! We are humans and we hunger for truth of something beyond us; and know of people even family members who no longer attend church, or wish to go, and find other sources to fulfill this hunger.

Tommy Tenney, a pastor, who has ministered to various churches and even thought he arrived as a pastor when you speak at these mega-like churches but realized his hunger grew and desired to be a God chaser, not chasing after these speaking engagements and such. I didn't know he was a pastor since I read his biblical fiction book on Hadassah (and enjoyed greatly and read both of the books in the series a few years ago).

There were some other passages that stuck with me such as looking at yesterday's word and ignoring God's summons; we are overstuffed with manmade programs for self-help and advancement; searching and turning to psychics, counselors, etc. instead of God and having such a "spiritual hunger" to seek His face instead of His hands; and people are guided only by the written word or prophetic one than a deeper maturity in Christ which Paul speaks about.

"There is much of God in most bars as there is in most churches."

The only reason I didn't give it a 5 star read, because it became redundant further in the read.

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Adrienna Turner

Author of God is in the Equation

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### **Laura says**

The book talks about a revival in the church through seeking God. Not just seeking God's blessings (the things he can give us), but actually seeking His face. The book was written to usher in God's presence in your life and your church family. Tenney said that the fires of revival must first ignite the church before its flames can spread to the street. God's glory only comes when repentance and brokenness drive you to your knees, because His presence requires purity. I like this book because the author talks about changes you should make in order to have a closer relationship with God.

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### **Ronda Pierce says**

I was visiting a friend and went to her church Word of Faith in Austell, GA Sunday. Tommy Tenney gave the message for that day. I never heard of Tommy Tenney but after his message not being intimidated (came out of Joshua 5) I knew this man was anointed. When they said author of God Chasers I knew I had to read this book that I heard so much about. When I went to purchase the book in the church lobby (where Tommy and his wife were signing books) they said it was sold out at the 1st service (I attend the 3rd service)! So I bought God's Favourite House (sequel to God Chasers). But because I heard so much about God Chasers and heard Tommy Tenney I had to get it from Barnes & Noble.

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## **Bill says**

Thought provoking. Challenging. Convicting. Just my kind of reading!

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## **Sue says**

I've read this a few times before. Each time I do, it reignites the desire in me to keep going after God. Having had some experiences myself when just the smallest amount of God's presence invaded the place (nothing as large as Tenney describes in chapter 1), there's the sense I have that there **MUST** be more than what I've experienced to this point. Fresh encouragement to continue in the pursuit...

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## **Yogi says**

I seek to bind closer to God. As a result, I've read a lot of books on the Bible and the journeys of christians of all denominations. This book, more than many of the others, helped me gain better understanding of myself and my relationship with Him. Because of this book and its sequel, I'll probably attempt to read most of Mr. Tenney's works. He's a fellow in pursuit of God's heart, seeking His face, and he has some good points to ponder in our own pursuit of our Heavenly Father.

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## **Christa says**

THIS BOOK THIS BOOK...If you want to get closer to the God you read about in the Bible this boook is a must read. WE read about our God with a thousands of years ago mind frame but the God of the Old testament IS the God of 2013 and he is waiting for us to seek truly after Him and in our seeking He will show us His face...I need to read it again :-)

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## **James says**

A chaser is something you drink immediately after having a strong drink to rinse your mouth out. The picture of God painted by Tenny is one that is hard to swallow. Such a chaser may come in handy. Then again better theology is probably more apt.

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## **Becca says**

So far, I'm not sure if I'm going to like this book. I can understand the idea the author is wanting to convey, but I feel like he's maybe giving the "idea" a little too much overbearance (I'll try to explain that). I can't agree that God has to be "chased". I am hoping that the book will actually go in the direction of "chasing after the knowledge of Christ, of wanting to constantly be in the Lord's presence by doing what's right and

letting His light shine through you" instead of the inference that "God is just beyond my reach". I think the author wants the reader to understand that perfection is a constant battle and struggle but, these first few pages, at least, he's saying it all wrong. The writing so far is...uncomfortable.

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### **Mondo Rodarte says**

This book changed my life. I have never been same since I read it. It has a blessing in it just reading it. Up to that time of reading it I had never read a book that filled me with hunger for God like this one did. I started experiencing dreams and visions after reading it

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### **Brandon says**

Like many readers, this is one book that has changed my life. Tenney does an amazing job helping the reader to truly understand God in a new way, "inspiring a whole new generation to go from being 'pew-sitters' to God chasers." This is a must read for every young person and young Christian looking to explode their faith and get closer to God.

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### **J.M. Gagne says**

Extremely disappointed with this book. A word of caution to those considering this book. I had a sense of nausea from page one. There were some points that were made to sound worthy of discussion. However, it was mixed in with unbiblical logic and the author's opinions and a sprinkling of Scriptural reference. Dangerous combination and not where a mature Christian would venture. More like televangelism in book format. Complete with a short catalogue of promotional products at the end of the book. Waaaaay not cool!

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