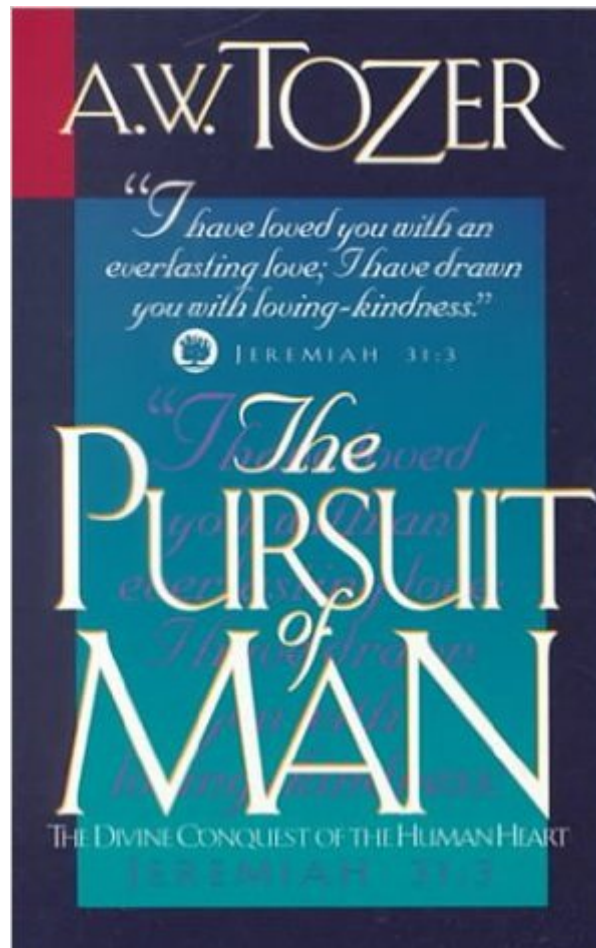


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# The Pursuit Of Man



## Synopsis

Tozer's profound 'prequel' to *The Pursuit of God*. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

The *Divine Conquest* will bring life challenging words to all who read it. A.W. Tozer was a man not content with the way things were, and though he voices this in the book, it is more the Father's discontent than his own. With piercing words and wonderful truths, Tozer brings to light a great revelation of who our God is and how we can be used of Him to change from "the norm" to the days of His power being displayed through His people again. This book will call you to holiness and inspire a passion for God alone within you. A must read book, and thanks to for a great price. Don't pass this one up.

This book, originally published as "*The Divine Conquest*," takes up where "*The Pursuit of God*" leaves off. Tozer speaks powerfully and movingly of the God who seeks after His creatures. While "*The Pursuit of God*" focuses on man's hunger for God, "*The Pursuit of Man*" focuses on the doctrine of prevenient grace--or God's election and sovereign calling of man. But don't read this book expecting some dry theological treatise--Tozer isn't satisfied with describing God's sovereign work of salvation in theological terms, he wants this truth to be living and active in the lives of all who are willing to receive it. The first half of the book speaks passionately of God's desire for man to

be saved and the action He takes as He pursues or "conquers over" sinful man. The second half of the book deals with the sanctification of the one God has chosen, the power and promise of the indwelling Spirit, and the blessing of the Spirit-filled life. Tozer plainly and forcefully sets forth the truth declared in the scripture: that before man may seek God, God must first seek man. His seamless movement from the election of God to the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit within those chosen of God is both refreshing and welcome in a day of rationalism and pragmatic theology. Tozer always places God in His rightful place of glory and honor. Calvinists will be uncomfortable with Tozer's synergistic approach to salvation and cessationists may feel uneasy in the later chapters of the book, but whatever theological persuasion you may be you cannot walk away from Tozer's writings without having caught a glimpse of the glory of the Almighty and the beauty of our Savior Jesus Christ.

In this little book, A.W. Tozer takes us on a journey to the center of the Heart of God as he illustrates the "Divine Conquest of the Human Heart". Without mincing any words, Tozer makes it clear that the reality and the essence of God, are beyond the scope of human logic and understanding. The simple yet profound fact of God, as we see so clearly in Tozer's words, is that truth is a deep, personal, spiritual experience given to each of us by God alone, through His Son, Jesus Christ. You will come away from this book with a sense of awe and humility as you explore the depths of your soul and peer with open eyes into the face of the Saviour.

I've read several books by Tozer, and this is by far the best and most personally challenging. Doctrine, theological ideas, religious teaching...are all worthless if we have not had a genuine encounter with God. There is a big difference between knowing about God and knowing God. We must experience God! Can a person become a believer in Christ and be no better than he was before? No! Real faith must always mean more than passive acceptance. A genuine encounter with the Savior should begin the "divine conquest" of our lives. Our life motives are changed and our inward drives made new. Too often we "fear" the Spirit because we are nervous of being labeled charismatic. But in our re-treat from the extremes of the charismatic movement, we have gone too far and out-rightly neglected the doctrine of the spirit! We Bible believing Christians need to put a moratorium on religious activity, and set our house in order. We need a period of self-examination. Only the Holy Spirit can show us what is wrong in our lives and prescribe a cure. We need an invasion of power from above! Tozier describes the Holy Spirit as buried dynamite. And its awesome power awaits discovery and use by the church. When the spirit illuminates our heart, a

part of us "sees" which never saw before. There is no truth apart from the Spirit. The most brilliant mind may be imbecilic when confronted with the mysteries of God. With the Spirit we can understand the deep things of God. Those were just a few of the challenging thoughts in this book. When I finished reading this book, I actually turned right back to page one and started to read it again! So much in this book personally challenged me. I highly recommend it.

Tozer was a prolific reader and writer. He had something of substance to say, not simply due to this interactive form of communication, but because he was also a Christian leader who overcame the trials of life. Although Tozer was a man of action, like other men of action he knew the secret was in cultivating a relationship with his Creator. He tells us "The man who would know God must give time to Him. He must count no time wasted which is spent in the cultivation of His acquaintance. He must give himself to meditation and prayer hours on end." That is the secret of Tozer's ability to communicate truths that are permanent. He goes on to point out that the people who made lasting contributions were the ones who experienced an encounter with God. He reminds us that "God hates artificiality and pretense." Tozer's reflects hit the spot. He writes in such a way that a reader is inspired to meditate himself. This book will help you to focus on what is significant. I highly recommend it.

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