

# God in Search of Mankind

1. God's purpose is to build a habitation in our lives

Isaiah 66:1-2      Ephesians 2:21-22      Revelation 21:3

2. God's will is to conform us to the image of Christ

Romans 8:28-29

3. Why does God want to do this?

John 3:34      John 10:30

4. We have capacities to contain the Spirit of God that we have not yet appropriated

Ephesians 3:18-19      Ephesians 4:13      Galatians 2:20

5. If we would know where the Divine Spirit most unmistakably manifests his presence, it is in a person

John 14:9

6. The very structure of the universe is that the endless crystallizes in the smallest

John 1:4      John 7:37-39

7. Our task is to let God emerge from our deeds

Matthew 5:16



"Give our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete."

--Pierre Teilhard De Chardin



## Lilies and Roses

- ❖ Dear God,
- ❖ I want you to plant every virtue in my heart, as if you were planting roses and lilies of every color in a field. And I want you to water those flowers with your Holy Spirit.
- ❖ If any thorns or thistles of vice sprout amongst those flowers, I want you to root out those weeds.
- ❖ And I want you to prune and cut back those flowers, regardless of the pain I will suffer, that they may grow more strongly.
- ❖ Finally, I want seeds from those flowers to blow into other souls, that they too may share the beauty which you alone can give.

--Hildegard of Bingen