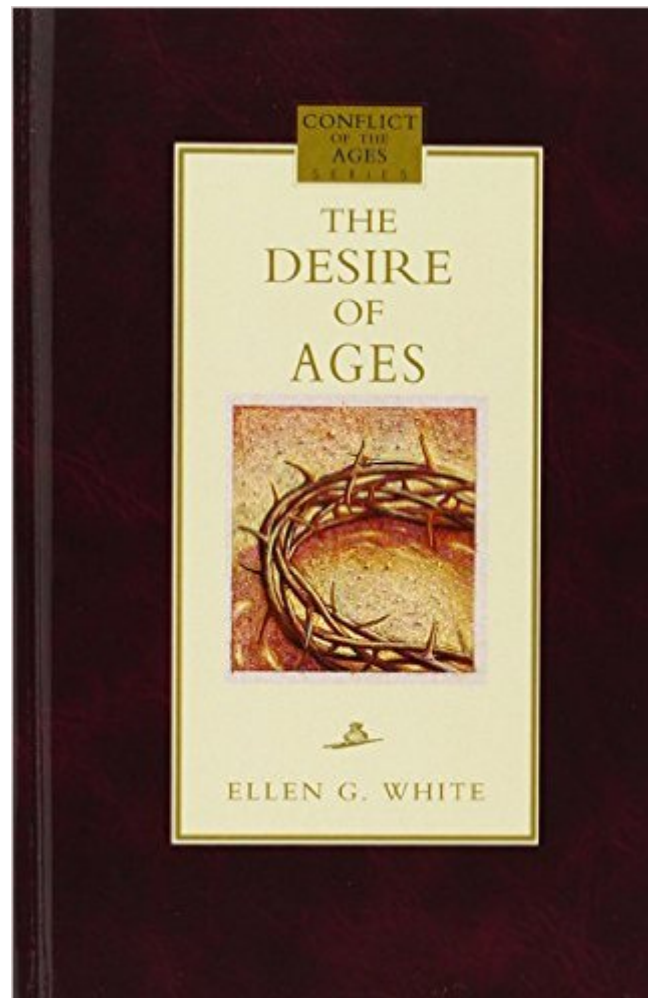


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# The Desire Of Ages



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The very best account of the life of Christ that I have ever read, aside from the Bible. This author brings a seemingly eye-witness perspective to this work. The characters come to life in amazing detail. It makes reading the Bible itself more understandable. This book give the reader a feeling of "personal contact" with the Man whose birth divided time into BC and AD. Who was / is Jesus? I am so glad that I read this book. Like a magnifying glass to The Gospels.

There's a reason why the Library of Congress holds this as their best book on the life of Christ, and also why my personal copy is in tatters. I simply have never read another book, besides the Bible, that made God's love so clear to me. We are bathed in His love every moment of our lives, whether we acknowledge this or not. The ultimate proof of this divine love is revealed in the life and death of one Man -- Jesus. This book will make Him real to you.

This book has filled my life with love stories, at least two big ones. About 55 years ago at age 17, I fell in love with Jesus Christ. A dear church member gave me this book, THE DESIRE OF AGES. At first I was reluctant to read it, not trusting the credentials of the author. But then I said, "I'll read this book to test her out." In my high school literature classes, I read some of the great writers of the late

18th and early 19th centuries--Thomas Carlyle, Herman Melville, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and others. They wrote well, although often it was a struggle to follow their involved style. Yet, I loved their essays, novels and poetry. How would Ellen G. White measure up, being from about the same time period? So I started reading the first chapter. And then I found myself reading it aloud in my bedroom. Oh, what an ecstatic experience, both spiritual and literary! "You mean to tell me," I asked, "this woman had to quit formal education at age 9 because of an accident?" She displays such depth with clarity and simplicity, no pretense or author showing off! To me much of this book was poetry in prose form. The very first sentence got me: "In the hearts of all mankind, of whatever race or station in life, there are inexpressible longings for something they do not now possess." In the next three months I read aloud to myself the entire book. How that deepened my love for my Saviour--the Word made flesh! And now--this book's beautiful words fleshing out the life of Jesus Christ! Now another love story. The following summer I attended a church retreat in North Dakota, I being from Saskatchewan, Canada. There I met the prettiest girl ever!--just arrived from the mission field with her folks. I thought she was at least 16. I fell in love with her. And she gave a talk (she was actually only 13 at the time) about her great-great-grandmother--Ellen G. White. Yes, the author of my favorite book on the life of Christ! Long story short. We married 7 years later. We have been married for 49 years and are still very much in love. And "in the bargain" I also got a most loving Christian family. Yes, the love of Christ brought me into His fold, and that fold includes my bride Martha, her loving family and so many loving fellow believers. In my research as a Christian writer, I've read dozens of books on the life of Christ. Some are topnotch. But my favorite remains "The Desire of Ages." As always I place the Bible above all books; I've read the New Testament over 75 times. Sure, one might have some theological interpretations different from what this book presents at times, but they are likely minor. Please, don't let these little differences stand in the way of your growing love for Jesus. Here's my favorite "poem" from this book: "Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. 'With His stripes we are healed.'" (Page 25).

This book is a must read! It is the best book on the life of Christ in my opinion. It shows God's love at its very best in the gift-Jesus Christ. It goes into so much detail on Jesus' life, and the best thing is--it's based 100% on the Bible! I found no faults with it, no contradictions, nothing that goes against what the Bible teaches, etc. I encourage you to get it if you want a fuller relationship with Jesus and

understand His mission better. You'll never be the same! It goes along a story format so it's very interesting reading. Right now is a good time to read it, because "The Passion of Christ" movie with Mel Gibson has just been recently released, and this book is good to read after watching that movie for the whole story-the part the movie leaves out. God bless all and the USA! I also highly recommend the book, "The Great Controversy," by Ellen G. White, who was the author of this book.

I began reading this classic and could not put it down. I can only say that it made the pages of the Bible come alive. In my opinion this book enhances many of the stories of the new testament in such a way that can never be forgotten.

The Desire of Ages is a great book in addition to the Bible. It provides detailed insights into Jesus' life by giving background information and particulars of many events. For the most part it was like reading a story book that you just can't put down. I believe there are many more strengths than weaknesses so I will start with the weaknesses which should be easier. One of them which did not apply as much when the book was written is the use of somewhat older English. People who are not used to it could benefit from a more modern version. Other than this, I cannot think of any other weakness. The strengths are that since it is written as a story it is very enjoyable. Also, the fact that you can use it as a study guide and follow most of it with your Bible adds to the learning. The story of Jesus, the God of the Universe, coming to this world as a human to save those who have sinned is in itself very intriguing. It makes you want to know all the possible details about who Jesus was, what He did, and why He came. The Bible explains the fundamental facts along with some other information not specifically important. The Desire of Ages is that book which tells the minute details and instead of satisfying your curiosity it makes you want to know even more. Jesus' life comes alive as you read about his extraordinary life. It explains why Jesus had to come to Earth and even what the purpose of our life is. Someone mentioned that it contradicts the Bible, that Mary was a virgin and therefore Jesus could not have had any brothers. The Bible doesn't give many details but it is possible that Joseph had sons and daughters from a previous marriage. Just a thought, I'm sure all the other "contradictions" have a possible explanation.

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