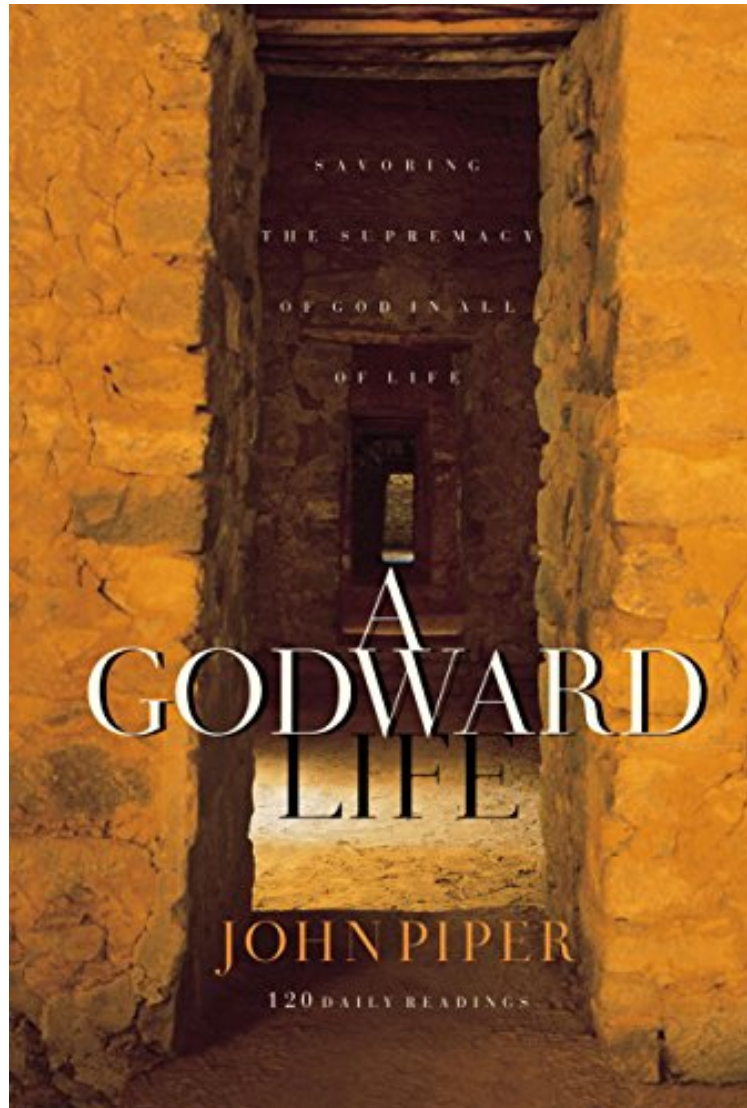


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Just enough Piper to digest quicklyVon Mark Whitlock (wmwhitlock@aristotle.net)The book came in the mail like hundreds of others. You see, I review books for a living. In other words, I get paid to be a cynic about the publishing industry. Know up front that I don't give 5 stars lightly or easily.I'd heard of John Piper often and heard him quoted

even more so it seemed. A devotional? Maybe this will be a good introduction before reading *A Hunger for God* or *Desiring God*. I was taking a trip and decided to take *A Godward Life* along since my spiritual rhythm would be off while I was gone. Little did I know that I would be caught up in the personal correspondence and private musings of one of today's greatest pastors. I read all 120 readings in 7 short days--some twice, many highlighted, a few quoted in my journal. I read a lot of books. I've seen a thousand devotionals. This was the first one to change my life. For me, this is the My Utmost for His Highest for my generation. I can't wait for the sequel. Be sure to read Piper's letters to the editor of the local newspaper. How refreshing. Get to know the man and his thoughts--not just his outer presentation. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Marvin Olasky comments in *World Magazine* Von John Piper A devotional book: John Piper's *A Godward Life, Book Two* (Multnomah, 1999). I generally don't go much for such things, preferring to read Scripture straight, but Mr. Piper's 120 meditations are extraordinarily well crafted. He shows us how we can "prayerfully ransack the Bible." He gives us 26 questions to ask of those who demand gender-free Scripture, 12 questions to ask when considering a job, and good things to think about in coming to an assessment of pluralism. He doesn't dodge issues involving God's judgment in history ("What does the slaughter of the Amorites mean?") and in our own lives ("What if our dying is discipline?"). 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Rich and deep: Profound, yet simple devotional. Von Craig Hippensteel, Craig@wpa.cc This new devotional by John Piper is exciting in the way that it takes deep and sometimes difficult truths and transforms them into something simple to understand. The simplicity of his approach in no way undermines Scripture, but rather inspires. After having studied the Bible for years, I found myself saying "Why didn't I ever see that before." Be prepared to have joy 're-infused' into your walk with God!

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