



## CELL GUIDE

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<b>TOPIC</b>	Google God	<b>SPEAKER</b>	DSP Chua Seng Lee
<b>THEME</b>	Knowing and Experiencing God – Jeremiah 9:23-24	<b>DATE</b>	27 & 28 July 2019

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## Google God?

In this information-centric era, knowledge is readily accessible with just a few clicks on our smart devices. Mankind today is no less hungry for knowledge and wisdom; and is so much so that we might attempt to gather information to understand the greatest mystery of all – God.

In his sermon, DSP Chua reminds us to focus on turning information into experiences, from Google to growth, as we seek to know and experience God.

## Knowing and Experiencing God

### Have the Right Posture before God

In order to know and experience God, our posture as we come before God is important. We can look to Paul the Apostle as an example. In his letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 2), we learn that Paul did not have the intention to compete, compare or display superiority. He focused on nothing but Jesus, and his only aim was for people to experience God.

Paul was a brilliant man. Philippians 3:4 tells us that he was circumcised on the eighth day, he was from the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews, and was righteous in the Law. However, in all his brilliance, he did not want it to come in the way of the gospel. Instead he adopted a posture of humility: which is to look to God and God alone.

### Heed the Precautions from God

Besides having the right posture before God, it is also important to be aware of a negative posture. 1 Corinthians 1:22 tells us that while the Greeks searched for wisdom and took pride in their intellect, Christians preached Christ crucified. The Greeks saw this as foolishness, but little did they know that Christ is the power and wisdom of God. In their search for wisdom, they missed the truth.

Another negative posture is the fear of man (Mark 11:27-33). The posture of the chief priests and scribes during Jesus' time and their fear of men led them to shut God out of their hearts. It is important for us to guard against such postures by checking ourselves constantly to see if we are leaning on our own strength and understanding.

### Hinge on the Person of God

We know God through the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit reveals wisdom to us (1 Corinthians 2:10-16).

And this is possible because the Holy Spirit:

- searches all things, even the depths of God;
- knows the spirit of God;
- reveals things given to us by God;
- teaches us to speak.

Yet the natural man cannot accept this wisdom. Without understanding the Holy Spirit, man will reject Him, and this shuts out the experience of God.

## Conclusion

Understanding and experiencing God goes beyond mere head knowledge. It is about believing and knowing God in our hearts. DSP Chua Seng Lee shares with us that through this three practical handles, we can better know and experience God:

- Have the Right Posture
- Heed the Precautions of God
- Hinge on the Person of God

# QUESTIONS

**1. What are the three ways DSP Chua talked about for us to know and experience God? How have you experienced God in your life?**

**2. DSP shared two precautions that hinder us from receiving revelation and wisdom from the Holy Spirit, and they are a. Posture of pride and b. Fear of man. Share how you may have been a victim of them, and how has He worked through them with you?**

**3. In this season, what is an area of your life that you have been seeking the Lord on? Pray together with one another, seeking the Holy Spirit for guidance on the matter.**