



## CELL GUIDE

**TOPIC** Jehovah Tsidkenu

**SPEAKER** SP Daniel Foo

**THEME** Knowing & Experiencing God

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## JEHOVAH TSIDKENU – THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

The fifth redemptive name of God is Jehovah Tsidkenu (meaning “still, straight” as in a standard of measurement against God’s holy nature), the Lord Our Righteousness, who guides us in paths of righteousness (Psalm 23:3b). Remembering that the three concurrent streams of the character of God includes righteousness (Jeremiah 9:23-24), we are urged to exercise His righteousness in our lives as *our* righteousness.

## EXPERIENCING GOD AS JEHOVAH TSIDKENU

### 1) **RIGHT STANDING** before the Righteous God

Because of the divine exchange by Jesus, we now have the same righteousness as our Saviour and Lord (Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 1:30; 2 Cor 5:21). This is a gift from a merciful God (Eph 2:8-9; Rom 5:17b, 6:23b), received only by faith in Christ, not by any works of the law which is futile (Rom 5:1, 10:3-4; Gal 2:16, 3:10-11; Jas 2:10; Isa 64:6; Phil 3:9). With rightstanding, we can pursue a relationship with God that is without guilt or condemnation. When made conscious of our own sins or shortcomings (Rom 2:15, 9:1), agree with the enemy’s accusation and bring it under the blood of Jesus in boldness (Mt 5:25; 1 Jn 1:9; Heb 9:14, 10:19,22; Rev 12:10).

### 2) **RIGHT BELIEVING: knowing the truth in Scripture as revealed by the Spirit of Truth**

We need *both* the Spirit’s inner witness and the Word (Jn 5:39-40, 8:32, 16:13, 17:17; 2 Cor 3:6, Mt 22:29). This is facilitated by the anointed Word from the pulpit (2 Tim 3:16-17, Act 20:27; Ps 119:160, 1 Cor 2:4-5, 4:20; 14:3; 2 Cor 13:1b) that should be expository (explaining, uncovering) and teach the whole counsel of God.

### 3) **RIGHT LIVING: loving and walking in paths of righteousness as directed in the Word and by the Holy Spirit** (Ps 23:3b; Mt 6:33; Rom 14:17)

Training in righteousness involves learning from biblical examples (e.g. good vs evil kings), addressing ungodly beliefs, and differentiating between mandates (life principles) and exemplars (from the narratives), so that we can live in holiness (1 Pet 1:15-16).

## CONCLUSION

God’s righteousness becomes our righteousness through right *standing*, which leads to right *believing*, which leads to right *living*. God is the ultimate Judge (2 Cor 5:10-11) who loves righteousness (Heb 1:9), which should compel us to love as well as fear Him.

The fear of God is what will keep us from sinning (Rom 11:22, Heb 10:30b-31) and free us from terror (Pro 18:10, 28:10; Isa 5:414,17).

# QUESTIONS

1. Think of a mistake that you've made in daily life that you think no one else in the group has made. The winner is the person whose mistake is the most unique.

2. How can we be (continually) trained in righteousness? Share how you have been impacted by one of the ways as listed below:

- a) Knowing the truth in Scripture through *expository teaching*
- b) Having the *whole counsel of God* revealed by the Spirit of Truth
- c) Learning from *biblical examples*
- d) Addressing *ungodly beliefs*
- e) Drawing *life principles* from the Word

3. SP Dan Foo shared that the number of people who profess Christ but live in sin is staggering, and the issue is not that people *stop loving* God, but that they *stop fearing* Him. What will help us fear God above men or demons?