

# Job 11:7

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*God cannot be discovered through intellectual pursuit alone, but rather through His revelation in the Bible and by the Holy Spirit.*

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### Description

Chuck Smith explores the theme of searching for God, emphasizing that while humanity is aware of God's existence, understanding His nature cannot be achieved through mere intellectual pursuit. He argues that many people create their own versions of God, leading to confusion and a myriad of conflicting beliefs. Smith asserts that true knowledge of God comes through His self-revelation, primarily through the Scriptures and ultimately through Jesus Christ. He highlights that God reveals Himself not to our intellect but to our spirit, which must be awakened to truly comprehend His nature.

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### Transcript

"THE SEARCH FOR GOD"

Intro: In the previous chapter Job cries out to God concerning his confusion. He could not understand God's ways. Zophar responds.

I. "CANST THOU BY SEARCHING FIND OUT GOD?"

A. Man is conscious that God is.

B. And so he searches for "what" God is.

1. Some seek to make God after their own image.

a. Your mind is God.

b. You are God.

2. Some envision God as being very abstract.

a. He is an essence.

b. He is energy.

3. Many speak with great authority and convictions.

a. Yet there is such great diversity in what they are saying they can't all be right.

b. Listening to the myriad of concepts one is brought with Job to confusion.

c. "So many religions I don't know which one to believe."

C. God cannot be discovered by purely intellectual quest.

1. I know that statement offends some of you who have crowned your intellect King.

a. Yet if He were only to be apprehended through intellectual genius, look at how many would be eliminated.

b. A child often has a purer apprehension of God than the adult.

2. God is far too vast as to be confined within the narrow orb of our intellect.

D. The net result of man's search for God is a confused maze.

1. The answer to Zophar's question is no.

a. You cannot start from this level and reach God if man is to know God in truth.

II. IT IS NECESSARY THAT GOD REVEAL HIMSELF TO MAN.

A. God has revealed Himself in His Word.

1. The Bible purports to be a revelation of God to man.

2. If you are truly searching for the truth you can't brush aside this claim lightly.

a. You owe it to yourself to fully, personally  
examine it before disclaiming it.

B. How has God revealed Himself?

1. As to power: the creator of the Universe.

"stretched forth the heavens as a curtain." " He is  
going to close them as a curtain some day."

2. as to Wisdom: All knowledge & wisdom He created  
all -life forms and designed...

3. As to His Character: loving, kind, patient.

4. As to His Justice: Absolute.

C. How did God reveal Himself?

1. Holy men wrote as inspired by Holy Spirit -

2. "God who at sundry times in diverse manners spoke by  
the prophets."

a. They did not understand many of the things  
they wrote about.

3. So in these later days He has "spoken to us by His  
own dear Son."

a. He was in the world & the world was made by  
Him

b. What did He tell us of the Father?

1. "For God so loved the world."

2. "God is a Spirit they that worship  
Him must worship Him in spirit..."

Here is the key. God reveals Himself not to my body or mind but to  
my spirit. "The Spirit bears witness to our spirit.

My spirit must first be made alive; it is buried under all the

garbage of my body and mind.

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