

Snapshots from Romans 11:35

Key Scriptures

Romans 11:33-34 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how fathomless his ways!

³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?"

³⁵ "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" ³⁶ For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 4:7 For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

1 Chronicles 29:11-12 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all. ¹² Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all.

Key Point: Reflecting on God's attributes accurately will bring life to your inner self. It rightly brings glory to Him, and puts the emphasis on us Knowing God in a deeper way.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- What family traditions do you have regarding Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Romans 11:35 speaks of God's freedom and self-sufficiency. What does it mean for God to be free/independent, and self-sufficient? How is this important?
- Romans 11:35 is a quote from Job 41:11. Read Job 41:1-10 and discuss what you think God's point is in v. 11.
- God's sovereignty involves Him being omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. What happens if you remove any of these attributes? Do you think there is more involved in sovereignty than these three attributes?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- How can understanding God's attributes and character help us navigate difficult situations in our lives?
- Why is it so easy to adopt an attitude of pride like the person in 1 Cor 4:7, boasting in things as if we had not received them? How can we remind ourselves that there is nothing we have that we did not receive?
- Charles Ryrie taught that "God *isn't* obligated to us in anyway unless He chooses to initiate an obligation. He does not have to do anything for us unless He chooses to do so." What are some ways God has initiated obligations to us?

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- The ultimate response when it comes to responding to God and His attributes is worship and praise. Set aside time this week where you think upon His greatness and respond in song and prayers of worship. .

Prayer Requests. It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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