

Not Man, But God

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Introduction: God is greater than my highs and lows, Proverbs 3:5-6

I. Not By Human Strength, by God's Power,

1 Cor. 2:1-5

A. Man accomplishes great feats of strength and intelligence

B. But God is greater

Ps. 62:11

Jesus calmed storms, walked on water, made wine,
stopped sun, opened red sea, raised dead

C. Do we limit God because of us?

Matt 19:26, Eph. 3:20

II. Not By Human Reason, But By God's Wisdom

1 Cor. 2:6-8

A. Man always thinks he has reached the peak

Romans 1:22-23, James 3:15

Everything that can be invented, has been, Charles Duell US Patent
Office, 1899

I think there's a market for at most 5 computers, Watson, IBM 1943

Who wants to hear actors talk? Warner, Warner Brothers Studios, 1927

Stocks have reached a permanently high plateau, Fletcher (Yale) 1929

I've said:

I've still got ten miles when my gas light turns on

It's supposed to sound (smoke) like that

The boss won't mind

Forgiveness is easier to get than permission

B. God knows more

Romans 11:33, 1 Cor. 1:20, 25, 27

III. Not by Human Will, by God's Spirit, v. 9-16

1 Cor 2:16, 1 Cor. 3:16

A. We have the spirit of God, not of the world

Man's spirit: I am holy enough:

B. God's Spirit produces

holiness, peace, intercession, mind of Christ

God's Spirit comes from his Word

Humble myself to read and follow

B. We don't earn our salvation, we humbly obey

Eph. 2:8-9, 1 Cor. 1:30-31, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16