

Romans Lesson #20

BSF Scripture Reading:

FIRST DAY:

1. Lecture principles:
2. Read the lesson notes

SECOND DAY:

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Question 7

1 Kings 8:39; [39] then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Forgive and act; deal with each man according to all he does, since you know his heart (for you alone know the hearts of all men),

Job 9:4; [4] His wisdom is profound, his power is vast.

Who has resisted him and come out unscathed?

Job 28:12-28; [12] “But where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell?

[13] Man does not comprehend its worth; it cannot be found in the land of the living.

[14] The deep says, ‘It is not in me’; the sea says, ‘It is not with me.’

[15] It cannot be bought with the finest gold, nor can its price be weighed in silver.

[16] It cannot be bought with the gold of Ophir, with precious onyx or sapphires.

[17] Neither gold nor crystal can compare with it, nor can it be had for jewels of gold.

[18] Coral and jasper are not worthy of mention; the price of wisdom is beyond rubies.

[19] The topaz of Cush cannot compare with it; it cannot be bought with pure gold.

[20] “Where then does wisdom come from? Where does understanding dwell?

[21] It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing, concealed even from the birds of the air.

[22] Destruction and Death say, ‘Only a rumor of it has reached our ears.’

[23] God understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells,

[24] for he views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.

[25] When he established the force of the wind and measured out the waters,

[26] when he made a decree for the rain and a path for the thunderstorm,

[27] then he looked at wisdom and appraised it; he confirmed it and tested it.

[28] And he said to man, ‘The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.’”

Psalms 147:4; [4] He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

Proverbs 3:19; [19] By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place;

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Question 10

Job 38:1-7; [38:1] Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said:

[2] “Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge?

[3] Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

[4] “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand.

[5] Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it?

[6] On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone —

[7] while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

Job 42:1-6; [42:1] Then Job replied to the LORD:

[2] “I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.

[3] [You asked,] ‘Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.

[4] [“You said,] ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’

[5] My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.

[6] Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

Psalms 8:1-9; [8:1] O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

[2] From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

[3] When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

[4] what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

[5] You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

[6] You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:

[7] all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field,

[8] the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

all that swim the paths of the seas.

[9] O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Isaiah 40:13-28; [13] Who has understood the mind of the LORD, or instructed him as his counselor?

[14] Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge or showed him the path of understanding?

[15] Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.

[16] Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires, nor its animals enough for burnt offerings.

[17] Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing.

[18] To whom, then, will you compare God? What image will you compare him to?

[19] As for an idol, a craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and fashions silver chains for it.

[20] A man too poor to present such an offering selects wood that will not rot. He looks for a skilled craftsman to set up an idol that will not topple.

[21] Do you not know? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

[22] He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

[23] He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

[24] No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

[25] “To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.

[26] Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

[27] Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”?

[28] Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

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Genesis 1:27-30; [27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him;

male and female he created them.

[28] God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

[29] Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. [30] And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

John 3:16; [16] “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Acts 17:24-28; [24] “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. [25] And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. [26] From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. [27] God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. [28] ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

Other Scripture

Question 13

Job 35:7-8, 41:11; [7] If you are righteous, what do you give to him, or what does he receive from your hand?

[8] Your wickedness affects only a man like yourself, and your righteousness only the sons of men.

[11] Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me.

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Question 16

Isaiah 43:7; [7] everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Ephesians 1:5-10; [5] he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— [6] to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. [7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace [8] that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. [9] And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, [10] to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

Revelation 4:11; [11] “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

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Doxology

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