

# Isaiah 40:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?

## Analysis

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Paul quotes this verse in Romans 11:34 and 1 Corinthians 2:16 to emphasize God's incomprehensible wisdom. The Hebrew 'ruach' (Spirit) is parallel to God's mind/counsel, showing the Spirit's deity and role in divine knowledge. No one instructs God—He is the source of all wisdom, making human counsel or wisdom irrelevant to His plans.

## Historical Context

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This challenged the exiles who might question God's wisdom in allowing captivity, affirming that His purposes, though mysterious, are perfect and need no human correction.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. In what areas are you trying to advise God rather than trusting His superior wisdom?
2. How does acknowledging God's perfect understanding help you rest in His will even when confused?

## Interlinear Text

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H4310	<b>Who hath directed</b>	H853	<b>the Spirit</b>	<b>of the LORD</b>	<b>or being his counsellor</b>
	H8505		H7307	H3068	H376

  

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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Corinthians 2:16** (References Lord): For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

**Romans 11:34** (References Lord): For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

**Job 21:22** (Parallel theme): Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.

**Luke 10:22** (Parallel theme): All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.