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Lord of glory. [9] But, as it is written,

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> what God has prepared for those who love him"—

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Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. [11] For who knows
a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him?
So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of
God. [12] Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the
Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely
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wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those
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[14] The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God,
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