

Young people grow up learning to trust the word of certain adults, depending on how consistent those adults have been in following through on their words in the past. In Isaiah 55:10-11, the prophet Isaiah quotes God's promise that His Word will never fail to accomplish its intent. That is, God and His words are entirely trustworthy.

With that as background, every human being will someday bow before God and acknowledge Him. Because God said it, it will surely happen. He said it in Isaiah 45:23, referring to all "who are incensed against Him" (verse 24). Then the apostle Paul repeated this promise twice in his epistles - with two different applications. In Romans 14:11, the promise is directed toward Christians: Don't judge others because everyone will one day be judged by God. But in Philippians 2:9-11, the promise encompasses all humanity: God exalted Christ over all, and one day all will acknowledge His Lordship; all will bow the knee before Him, willingly or unwillingly. Far better to bow before Christ today *willingly*, than to bow *unwillingly* in the future.

Romans 14:11 "For it is written: "As I live", says the Lord, "every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.""