

**Worship Our Great God**  
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Romans 11:33-36

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

great doxology (short hymn of praise) in response to Romans 1-11, especially 9-11.

- big view of God and honest view of self leads to humility and heartfelt worship.

God is far greater than you can ever completely comprehend Romans 11:33a,

Ephesians 1:3-6

- Never reach the bottom of depths of riches of His grace!

God knows all things in universe exhaustively. Word before speak, hair #

- everything has/is/will/could have happened under other circumstances.
  - If He does not know everything (Open Theism), we're in trouble.

His omniscience is the basis for His wisdom....application of knowledge.,

• Here God's wisdom sovereignly design/control plan for redemption history/cross. rhetorical questions marvel how great God is and challenge proud men. Romans 11:34,

1 Corinthians 1:18-20

- Counsel the Omniscient, all-wise God? humorous.
- but try outright or implication “counsel” how to run lives/world or demand “Why”.
  - You give counsel to God? God's wisdom and knowledge enable us to trust at all times.

None can give any counsel to God; which is why His ways/judgments are unsearchable, inscrutable to our finite minds. Romans 11:33b, Isaiah 55:8-9, Job 12:23-24

- judgments judicial term= mode of acting, manner of ruling. Psalm 36:5-6
- ways of God= way God deals with men in His providence. 1 Corinthians 1:27-28

Many unanswered questions mysteries....God's sovereignty/man's responsibility/free will.

- Lord reveals what need to know so trust that infinitely greater, wiser, gracious God always has purpose for what He causes directly or permits indirectly.
  - Your life mystery why/how? Sick/death, marriage, kids,
    - Walk by faith leaving both ends/means to Originator, Sustainer, Goal of all creation. Romans 11:35-36, Colossians 1:16-17, Jude 25

Sole proprietor of universe: *FROM HIM* = source/creator of all, *THROUGH HIM* = sustainer, supplier, *TO HIM* = everything (you/creation/history/salvation) result in His ultimate glory.

- chief end of man to glorify God, because God made you for His own glory.
- All things from/through him *therefore* nothing do/give Him to make God debtor.

- including yourself (your Creator) and your works (Christian 30 years so \_\_\_\_\_)!

Big view of God and honest view of self > humility and heartfelt worship. 1 Corinthians 1:25, 30

- Seeing self in light of who God is humbles. He is great, you are not.
- Seeing God in light of who/what we are necessitates praise/worship.
  - worship stands/falls on our understanding of the greatness of God.
    - Prep for next Sunday...meditate on Romans 11:33-36

Rom 11:33a Oh, the depth (extent, mystery, profundity) of the riches (wealth, abundance, valuable bestowment) and wisdom and knowledge of God!

Rom 11:33b How unsearchable (not capable of being tracked, untraceable) are his judgments and how inscrutable (undetectable, incomprehensible) his ways!