

# XI

## To God Be the Glory

### 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!

<sup>34</sup> “For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup> “Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

**READ | ROMANS 11:33–36****THINK ABOUT**

Having regard to Romans, chapters 9–11, in what ways do you see “the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God” (v. 33)? Think about ways in which God’s ways are truly inscrutable.

Consider the wisdom of God in his plan of salvation for Jews and Gentiles. Consider ways in which you can glorify God as you think of His all-wise ways and plans.

**APPLY**

As we consider His purposes, the wisdom of God makes us humble and more and more appreciative of His mercy and grace. May this motivate us to live our lives to His glory and ensure that we walk humbly in His paths rather than our own.

God truly is awesome, and we must never take Him for granted. May these great themes which Paul presents in Romans lead to hearts and lives of worship.

ASK

What ways of God do you find inscrutable? What are some of the questions you would like to ask God when you consider His plans and purposes in salvation?

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Why is it we live lives of such mediocrity in light of this awesome God who is all powerful and all mighty?

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Rejoice that in Jesus all of the Old Testament prophecies and types and shadows find their complete fulfillment. What Old Testament prophecies regarding the coming of the Messiah are particularly meaningful for you?

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PRAY

*Lord, You are an awesome and all powerful God. I give You all of the glory in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Help me to praise You and to live for You with my whole being. Forgive me of my selfishness and self-centeredness. Help me to focus on You — my Creator, my Redeemer, my Savior, and my Friend.*

## LUKE 1:68–75

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.”

## PROVERBS 3:5–6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.”



“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” — *Charles Wesley, Prichard & Harkness*

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