

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

³³ Oh the depth of the riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

³⁴ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? ³⁵ Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?

³⁶ For from Him and through Him and unto Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

(Romans 11:33-36)

Hymn of Praise to God

➤ Introduction

- 1) The unfolding of God's scheme of salvation-history to magnify His mercy is what most directly leads Paul to this hymn of praise
- 2) This hymn is an expression of wonder and adoration at the revelation of God's unfathomable ways

Hymn of Praise to God

1. Astonished Exclamation

- at the inexhaustible magnitude ("depth") of God's riches, wisdom and knowledge
- at the unfathomableness of God's decisions and actions in salvation history

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2. Rhetorical Questions

- these emphasize that God, as Creator, stands infinitely above and beyond his creatures (mankind)
- God is no one's debtor – He always acts freely in the giving of His mercy (no merit)

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3. Foundational Affirmation

- God is the source, the sustainer and the goal of everything!
- The chief end in the design of all creation and history is the glory of God