

### PAUL'S PRAISE CHORUS Romans 11:33-36

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**Introduction:** Charles Spurgeon said, "The proper study of God's elect is God." Today as Paul concludes his discussion of election, he turns our attention back to the worship of God.

Romans 11:33-36 "<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! <sup>34</sup> For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? <sup>35</sup> Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? <sup>36</sup> For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

I. The **Knowledge** of God: Unsurpassed (Romans 11:33a)

Romans 11:33a "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!"

A. It Should **<u>Humble</u>** Us

Job 38:2-4 "<sup>2</sup>Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Now gird up your loins like a man, and I will ask you, and you instruct Me! <sup>4</sup>Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth!"

Job 42:3 "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know."

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### B. It Should **<u>Comfort</u>** Us

#### C. It Should **Motivate** Us to Godliness

Psalm 139:1-4 "<sup>1</sup>O Lord, Thou has searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup>Thou dost know when I sit down and when I rise up; Thou dost understand my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup>Thou dost scrutinize my path and my lying down, and art intimately acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, Thou dost know it all."

Psalm 139:23-24 "<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; <sup>24</sup> And see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way."

II. The <u>Wisdom</u> of God: Undeniable (Romans 11:33a)

Romans 11:33a "Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!"

III. The Judgments of God: Unknowable (Romans 11:33b)

Romans 11:33b "How unsearchable are His judgments, and unfathomable His ways!"

Psalm 33:11 "The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation."

Romans 11:36 "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen."

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IV. The <u>Ways</u> of God: Untraceable (Romans 11:33)

Romans 11:33 "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!"

Psalm 77:19 "Thy way was in the sea, and Thy paths in the mighty waters, and Thy footprints may not be known."

Isaiah 55:8 "'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,' declares the Lord."

Conclusion