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Our Great God!

Romans 11:25-36

Romans 11 brings to a culmination Paul's discussion about the Jews, to the Gentiles. Warren Wiersbe summarizes the chapter well...

For centuries people have been puzzled by the nation of Israel. The Roman government recognized the Jewish religion, but it still called the nation *secta nefaria*—"a nefarious sect." The great historian Arnold Toynbee classified Israel as "a fossil civilization" and did not know what to do with it. For some reason, the nation did not fit into his historical theories. Paul devoted all of Romans 11 to presenting proof that God is not through with Israel.¹

Reflecting on God's redemptive plan and purposes, Paul concludes the chapter with an explosion of praise for the greatness of God! Romans 11:33-36 is one of the great doxologies of all the Bible. The psalms are filled with explosions of praise for the greatness of God and His salvation (Psalm 27:6, 32:11, 33:3, 47:1, 66:1-2). Listen to Psalm 71:23...

"My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to You; And my soul, which You have redeemed." Psalm 71:23 (NASB95)

As we conclude our study of Romans 11, I want us to walk the same path Paul walked—the path that led him from doctrine to doxology, from theology to worship.

Along that path, we will see:

- The **mystery** of God's salvation
- The **mercy** of God in salvation
- And the **majesty** of our great God

I submit to you, when you truly reflect on God's redemptive plan and purposes, the only proper response is humility and praise for His greatness.

¹ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). The Bible exposition commentary (Vol. 1, p. 550). Victor Books.



Key Thought:

Reflecting on God's redemptive plan and purposes should compel you to explode with praise for His greatness!

I. THE MYSTERY OF GOD (verses 25-29)

- a. The fall of Israel
- b. The fulness of the Gentiles
- c. The future of Israel

II. THE MERCY OF GOD (verses 30-32)

- a. Mercy to Gentiles (v. 30)
- b. Mercy to the Jews (v. 31)
- c. Mercy to the World (v. 32)

Salvation has never been about human merit. It has always been about divine mercy. No one earns grace. No one deserves salvation. Every redeemed soul is a trophy of God's mercy.

III. THE MAJESTY OF GOD (verses 33-36)

At this point, Paul can no longer analyze—he worships. “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!” This is one of the greatest doxologies in all the Bible.

God is:

- **Unsearchable** – His wisdom cannot be exhausted
- **Unfathomable** – His ways cannot be fully traced
- **Unexplainable** – His counsel needs no advisor
- **Unmatchable** – His glory belongs to Him alone



Verse 36 gives us three glorious truths about God:

1. **"For of Him"** – He created all things
2. **"And through Him"** – He governs and sustains all things
3. **"And to Him"** – All things exist for His glory and return to Him

This truth is echoed powerfully in Colossians 1:

"For by Him all things were created... all things have been created through Him and for Him... and in Him all things hold together."

And what is the result? Isaiah 61:10-11 tells us:

I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise To spring up before all the nations. *Isaiah 61:10-11 (NASB95)*

God's redemptive plan and purposes calls for me to respond in...

- Humility
- Praise