



The Depths Of God's Mercy And Wisdom

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“And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? 25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: 27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. 28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes. 29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. 30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: 31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. 33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? 35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? 36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen” (Romans 11:23-36).

Introduction

Romans 11:23–36 is a soaring passage that reveals the mercy of God, the mystery of His dealings with humanity, and the unsearchable depths of His wisdom. Paul ends this section with one of the greatest doxologies in Scripture, lifting our eyes from human limitation to divine majesty. We will consider five points in this study:

- 1) GOD'S MERCY IS ABLE TO RESTORE ANYONE WHO TURNS TO HIM
- 2) GOD'S PLAN INCLUDES MYSTERIES WE DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND
- 3) GOD'S PROMISES TO HIS PEOPLE ARE UNBREAKABLE
- 4) GOD USES HUMAN FAILURE TO DISPLAY HIS MERCY
- 5) GOD'S WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE ARE INFINITE AND UNSEARCHABLE

1 GOD'S MERCY IS ABLE TO RESTORE ANYONE WHO TURNS TO HIM (vv. 23–24)

Paul says: “*God is able to graff them in again.*” (Romans 11:23). This is the heart of the gospel: **no one is beyond restoration.**

- **Isaiah 55:7** *Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*
- **Luke 15:20** *And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.*



A gardener knows that grafting a branch into a tree is delicate work. Some branches look too damaged to save, yet a skilled gardener can graft them in and make them fruitful again. God is the Master Gardener. He restores the broken, the fallen, the unbelieving. So, Never write off anyone — not a family member, not a friend, not yourself. God is able.

2 GOD'S PLAN INCLUDES MYSTERIES WE DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND (vv. 25)

Paul warns: *"I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery..."* (Romans 11:25)

God's dealings with Israel and the Gentiles reveal that **His plan is bigger than our understanding.**

- **Deuteronomy 29:29** *The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever...*
- **Ecclesiastes 3:11** *He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.*

Think of a tapestry. From the underside, it looks tangled and chaotic. But from above, the artist sees the full picture. We often live on the underside of God's tapestry — confused by knots and threads — but God sees the masterpiece. So, Trust God even when you do not understand Him.

3 GOD'S PROMISES TO HIS PEOPLE ARE UNBREAKABLE (vv. 26–29)

Paul declares: *"For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."* (Romans 11:29). God does not change His mind about His covenant.

- **Numbers 23:19** *God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent...*
- **Malachi 3:6** *For I am the LORD, I change not...*

Human promises often fail — contracts are broken, vows are forgotten, commitments fade. But God's promises are like the sunrise: dependable, steady, unfailing. Therefore, If God has called you, He has not changed His mind about you.

4 GOD USES HUMAN FAILURE TO DISPLAY HIS MERCY (vv. 30–32)

Paul explains: *"God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all."* (Romans 11:32). Human failure becomes the stage upon which divine mercy shines.

- **Psalms 103:10** *He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.*
- **Ephesians 2:4–5** *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ...*

A diamond shines brightest against a dark background. Likewise, God's mercy shines brightest against the darkness of human sin. So, your past does not disqualify you; it magnifies God's mercy.



5 GOD'S WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE ARE INFINITE AND UNSEARCHABLE (vv. 33–36)

Paul erupts in worship: “*O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!*” (Romans 11:33).

- **Job 11:7** *Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?*
- **Psalms 147:5** *Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.*

Scientists explore the universe and discover galaxies beyond galaxies. Yet Scripture says God “callest them all by names” (Psalm 147:4). If His knowledge of the stars is infinite, how much more His knowledge of your life. Therefore, worship God not because you understand everything, but because He understands everything.

CONCLUSION — ALL THINGS ARE OF HIM, THROUGH HIM, AND TO HIM

Paul concludes: “*For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen*” (Romans 11:36). This is the summary of the Christian life:

- **Of Him** — He is the source.
- **Through Him** — He is the sustainer.
- **To Him** — He is the goal.

Everything begins with God, is upheld by God, and returns to God.

Let us respond to this passage with:

- **Humility** — because His wisdom is beyond us.
- **Gratitude** — because His mercy has reached us.
- **Worship** — because His glory is eternal.

May we live lives that reflect the truth that **all things are of Him, through Him, and to Him**.