

Oh, The Depths Of The Riches Of God

(Romans 11:25-36)

- Introduction:
1. In my judgment, one of the most neglected Bible doctrines is the doctrine of God.
 2. We usually treat God as a presupposition and get to the “doctrine of God” and matters such as, “What does God want me to do?”
 3. While these topics are good, they have no compulsion when removed from the personage of God.
 4. Rules without relationship result in rebellion.
 5. If a man doesn’t know God, why would he deny himself for God’s sake?
 6. Overlooking God and treating him as a presupposition will eventually catch up with us.
 7. So, let’s consider a few points about the depths of the riches of God.

I. God Is Worthy To Be Praised

- A. I can almost see the amazement in the faces of those who recorded these passages - it wasn’t just Paul who stood in amazement when considering God.
- B. Feeding of the 5000 (Matthew 14:17-21).
- C. Raising Lazarus (John 11).
- D. Moses and the burning bush (Ex. 3:3-10); the ten plagues (Ex. 7-12); the parting of the Red Sea (Ex. 15).
- E. Micah - Who is a God like you (Micah 7:18-19).

II. Why God Is Worthy To Be Praised

- A. Because He Has A Plan For Saving Both Jews & Gentiles (v. 25).
 1. God was not concerned with just O.T. Israel.
 2. (Psalm 117:1) - How could Gentiles fulfill this command if God was unwilling to save them?
 3. (John 11:51-52) - Gather his children, not to make them children.
 4. (Revelation 13:8) - Before the foundation of the world, God had a plan.
 5. (Genesis 3:15; Ephesians 2:16; 3:3-7; Romans 1:16).
- B. Because He Loves All Men.
 1. It is incomprehensible how he can love us (Romans 3:9-10, 23).
 2. Every sin we have committed is a personal affront toward God.
 3. We think of the patience of Job...what about the patience of God?
 4. (1 Timothy 1:13-16; Acts 8:1-4; 9:1; 22:4; 26:11) Case study in Grace.
- C. Because God Desires To Be Merciful (vs. 31-32).
 1. We learn much about a person by the things in which they delight.
 2. God doesn’t have to be merciful, he wants to (Micah 7:18).
- D. Because His Wisdom Surpasses The Wisdom Of The World (vs. 33-36).
 1. Who is equipped to be God’s counselor?
 2. Consider Job’s presumptuousness (Job 42:1-6).
 3. (1 Corinthians 1:23-24).

- Conclusion:
1. Let’s stop treating God as a presupposition.
 2. Instead, let’s preach more about the nature of God and we will find ourselves enthralled by the depth of his wisdom and grace.