

SERIES – GOING DEEPER INTO CHRIST
The Depth of God’s Greatness
Romans 11:33-36

*Spend time alone in silence and marvel at the awesomeness of God.
Marvel also at the mystery that the God of the Universe is mindful of
us and loves us as his children.*

- I. How Paul Felt Toward the Jews Who Rejected Jesus
- He loved them
 - He had great sorrow and anguish
 - He was willing to sacrifice himself for them
 - He prayed and hoped that they would become envious of the Gentile Christians
 - He cautioned the Gentile Christians not to feel they were better than the Jews because God has not rejected them
- II. The Mystery and Greatness of God
- God is the *mysterium tremendum* (Rudolph Otto)
 - He is the supreme and ultimate reality
 - Isaiah was overwhelmed by the glory of God (Isaiah 6)
 - He is the “I Am” – God is just because he is God
 - The wisdom and knowledge of God is infinite
 - Our knowledge of him is limited
 - He needs nothing except himself
 - All things come from him, are sustained through him, and were created for him
 - He is worthy of praise, reverence, and worship
 - In spite of his greatness, he is our loving Father
- III. Our Response to God
- We should be awed by thoughts of God
 - We should embrace the mystery of God
 - We should allow ourselves to experience the wonder and amazement of God
 - We should also embrace the intimacy of a child to their father

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Romans 11:33-36 (NIV)

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments and his paths beyond tracing out! ³⁴ “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵ “Who has ever given [anything] to God, that God should repay them?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.”

Isaiah 6:1-5 (KJV)

“In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. ² Above it stood the seraphims (heavenly beings): each one had six wings; with [two] he covered his face, and with [two] he covered his feet, and with [two] he did fly. ³ And one cried unto another, and said, ‘Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.’ ⁴ And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.”

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.