



THE GREAT Doxology

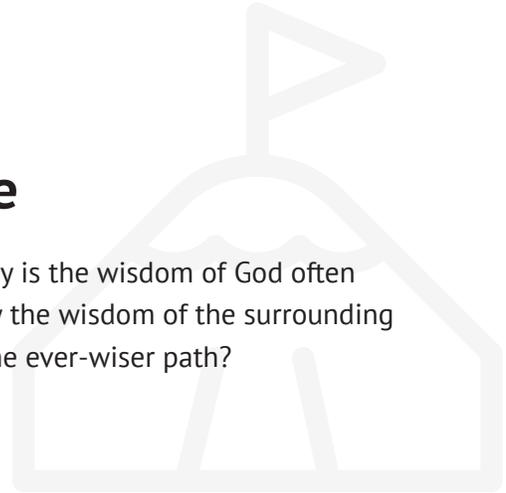
SUMMARY | After working through the gospel of grace in the book of Romans, Paul dives deeply into the question of whether or not Israel, the chosen people, have a future in God’s plan. Yes, they do! Yet God’s surprising ways cause the apostle to stop and reflect on the perfect, unmeasured wisdom of God—and that moment of reflection results in one of the great doxologies in the Bible. We will consider it in this episode, and see why Paul was so intense in his expression of the glory of God.

This Week’s Discussion Questions

1. Read Romans 11:33–36. A doxology is a statement of the glory of God. How is that glory seen here? How does it matter?
2. Focus on Romans 11:33. How does it compare to Isaiah’s declaration in Isaiah 55:8–9? Why is that statement a call to trust our God?
3. In Romans 11:34, we are asked an important question about God’s wisdom versus our wisdom. What is the implied answer to the question Paul raises?
4. In Romans 11:36, consider the phrase “all things.” What is the significance of this phrase, especially in the context of how Paul describes our God?

Challenge

As you consider the world in which we live, why is the wisdom of God often so counterintuitive? When our instinct is to follow the wisdom of the surrounding culture, what makes God's wisdom the ever-wiser path?



Commit To Memory

“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.”

Romans 11:33–36 NASB

Prayer

All-wise Father, forgive me for the many times I try to operate in my own wisdom. Forgive me as well for when I look to human wisdom or cultural norms for direction in life. Help me to learn the safety of resting in Your perfect wisdom that transcends the wisdom of any and all in this world. Amen.

