

SERMON NOTES:

VOL 4: Part 23: The Depths of God's Wisdom

BIG Idea: Because God's wisdom is unsearchable and His mercy unstoppable, our only fitting response is trust, humility, and worship.

Application: Trust God's wisdom even when His plan doesn't make sense—our role is to believe, receive His mercy, and respond with worship.

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I. The Mystery of God's Plan (vv. 25-27)

Romans 11:25-36 (NLT) *God's Mercy Is for Everyone*

²⁵ I want you to understand this mystery, dear brothers and sisters, so that you will not feel proud about yourselves. Some of the people of Israel have hard hearts, but this will last only until the full number of Gentiles comes to Christ. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved. As the Scriptures say,

"The one who rescues will come from Jerusalem,
and he will turn Israel away from ungodliness.

²⁷ And this is my covenant with them,
that I will take away their sins."

Isaiah 59:20-21 (NLT)

²⁰ "The Redeemer will come to Jerusalem
to buy back those in Israel
who have turned from their sins,"
says the Lord.

²¹ "And this is my covenant with them," says the Lord. "My Spirit will not leave them, and neither will these words I have given you. They will be on your lips and on the lips of your children and your children's children forever. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

God's delays are not denials – they are displays of His mercy and faithfulness.

II. God's Mercy Extends to All (vv. 28-32)

Romans 11:28-32 (NLT)

²⁸ Many of the people of Israel are now enemies of the Good News, and this benefits you Gentiles. Yet they are still the people he loves because he chose their ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁹ For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn. ³⁰ Once, you Gentiles were rebels against God, but when the people of Israel rebelled against him, God was merciful to you instead. ³¹ Now they are the rebels,

and God's mercy has come to you so that they, too, will share in God's mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned everyone in disobedience so he could have mercy on everyone.

Galatians 3:22 (NLT)

²² But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NLT)

⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

"The gospel is good news of mercy to the undeserving. The symbol of the religion of Jesus is the cross, not the scales." ~ John Stott

God's mercy is wide enough for everyone and personal enough for you.

III. The Depths of God's Wisdom Lead Us to Worship (vv. 33-36)

Romans 11:33-36 (NLT)

³³ Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!

³⁴ For who can know the Lord's thoughts?

Who knows enough to give him advice?

³⁵ And who has given him so much

that he needs to pay it back?

³⁶ For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

Colossians 1:16-17 (NLT)

¹⁶ for through him God created everything

in the heavenly realms and on earth.

He made the things we can see

and the things we can't see—

such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

Everything was created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He existed before anything else,

and he holds all creation together.

Proverbs 3:19 (NLT)

¹⁹ By wisdom the Lord founded the earth;

by understanding he created the heavens.

"A little faith will bring your soul to heaven; a great faith will bring heaven to your soul."

~ **Charles Spurgeon**

"If you understand, it is not God you understand." ~ **St. Augustine**

Refusing to serve God until you fully understand Him is pride; worship begins where understanding ends.

Worship is not just what we sing; it's how we live.