The WISDOM and KNOWLEDGE of GOD

Romans 11:33-36

Introduction

Life is a mixture of highs and lows. The question is how do we handle them?

Paul could say, “I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:12-13

The key to Paul’s consistency and joy was his relationship with Christ.

I. Worship is a response of the heart to the character and activity of God in our life. Verse 33

The Book of Romans:
- Begins with man’s failure and sin. Chapters 1-3
- Teaches us God’s plan of salvation. Chapters 4-5
- Tells us how to overcome sin and walk with God. Chapters 6-8
- Shows us how God is at work in salvation history. Chapters 9-11
- Praises God for his wisdom and knowledge. 11:33-36
- Ends with instructions in Christian living. Chapters 12-16
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Great worship leads to godly living.

When we get our head right and our heart right, we live right.

God’s wisdom and knowledge are limitless.
His judgments are unsearchable. (His “executive decisions”.)
His paths are beyond tracing out.

II. Good theology and great worship change our attitude and perspective.
Verses 34-35

Paul asks three questions in verses 34-35 that are from Isaiah 40:13-14 and Job 41:11.
• Who can claim to know the mind of God? He is infinite and we are finite.
• Who has ever been his counselor? God doesn’t need our advice.
• Who has ever given to God that God should repay him? Everything we have comes from God.

In Isaiah 55:8-9 God says, “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”
III. Good theology and great worship make much of God and less of us.

“For from him and through him and to him are all things.”
- God is the source.
- God is the sustainer.
- God is the goal

“To him be the glory forever!”
That is how all of life is to be lived – for his glory.

Conclusion
Martin Luther used to say, “The service has ended. Let our worship begin.”

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