

BIBLE TEACHING AND WORSHIP GUIDE



FOR THE HOME-BASED CHURCH

Produced Weekly

God's Merciful Kindness
Romans 11:13-36

Copy this sheet for the Gathering Time, Bible Study, and Worship Experience leaders for the next meeting of the church.

Leaders' Responsibilities:

Important: Each person who will be leading one of the three parts of a session during a Unit of sessions needs to have access to the "Basic Information for Leading the Unit of Study". That information is often provided at the beginning of that Unit of sessions. The weekly session "Background" located in the Teacher Preparation is much more specific to that day's study.

1. **The Gathering Time Leader** will gather all of the people together and help them prepare their minds and hearts for a wonderful worship experience before God. His/her responsibility is to introduce the congregation to the theme (content) and the Scripture that will be central to their worship experience for the day.

2. **The Bible Study Leader** will then help the people understand what the Scriptures have to say and teach us about the content of the study for the day. He/she will guide the people to make a general application of the study (ie: How does this Bible study apply to people today?)

3. **The Worship Time Leader** has the responsibility to use the theme and Scriptures to guide the congregation to make personal commitments to God's will for each one in regard to the study for the day. He/she will use others to lead in the music, taking the offering, ministry moment comments, and other activities and parts of the **Worship Time** that can aid in participatory worship.

Prior to this Coming Session:

Gathering Time Leader:

Bible Study Leader:

Prepare index cards with scrabbled words as is suggested in the Teaching Plan. The words are also provided on the last page of this session. You may wish to copy them and simply provide a sheet for each participant.

Provide pens or pencils.
Have a good dictionary available.
Have several translations of the Bible available.
Have a hymnal available.

Worship Time Leader:

The Doxology to be read at the end of the service can be copied for each person or it can be read directly from each person's Bible if most have the same version. It is available for copying on the final page of this session.

Music Sources:

"All Hail, King Jesus" *Maranatha Praise Chorus Book*, Expanded 3rd Edition, #1
"Wonderful Grace of Jesus" *The Baptist Hymnal*, (1991), #328

Gathering Time: (Suggested time: 15 minutes)***God's Merciful Kindness*****Focal Text**

Romans 11: 13-36

Background Text

Romans 11

Main Idea

Christians should humbly remember that they are saved only by God's merciful kindness and do not deserve salvation more than any other person does.

Questions to Explore

How much better are you than a non-Christian?

Teaching Aim

To help the class describe God's intended relationship between believers and other people.

Gathering together:

Sing "All Hail, King Jesus" *Maranatha Praise Chorus Book*, Expanded 3rd Edition, #1

First thoughts:***The Chosen Few***

"All are called but few are chosen." God is always working that all may have opportunity to come to Him. He wants every person to respond to Him by faith. The fact that not every person does respond is no surprise to God. The failure of some may open the door of opportunity for others to be saved. We cannot fathom the wisdom of God. This was certainly what happened to Israel. When they failed, as a nation, to fulfill the purpose to which God called them, this gave opportunity for God's grace to be demonstrated to the Gentiles. God does everything possible to bring people to His kingdom. Those who respond to Him have no reason to boast and no reason for pride. Rather it is cause for humility.

God has always worked; He is still working to bring the Jews to salvation. This is just who He is – merciful. God is always working to bring you to Him. If you know Him you can be sure that God worked in ways that brought you to Him – an invitation to a Bible study or to attend a worship service, a personal witness of a friend or perhaps a total stranger. No one is deserving of such offers of love but God is merciful. God seeks to save the Jews through the loving concern of those who know Him. What is the extent of your love for the lost, especially for the Jews? God's ways always includes the bringing of Israel to salvation.

Closing the Gathering Time:

Since God's mission includes both Jew and Gentile and since He has entrusted His mission to human witnesses, will you respond to Him to be a witness? Someone is depending on you to share God's good news message of love with him or her. We are responsible to share God's love.

Take time at this point to mention items of prayer concern for the church, announcements of ministry or activities, and anything else that needs to be shared with or by the congregation. Pray for these needs. Remember to praise God in prayer.

Break time! Take five minutes between sessions. Encourage children to use the washroom so that they won't need to leave during the Bible Study time.

Distribute youth/adult Bible study outlines or paper for note-taking, if available.

Also hand out the activity sheets for preschool and younger children to use during Bible Study and/or worship.

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Copy this section for the Bible Study leader.

Note to the Bible Study Leader: Suggested teaching time for the Bible study should be about 35 minutes. Use the “Teacher Preparation” for your personal study during the week before the session. Use the “Bible Study Plan” for the actual session.

Teacher Preparation

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Introduction to your personal study:

Have you ever seen a beautiful double flowering plum tree in bloom in the early spring? Gorgeous purple pink blossoms cover every inch of the tree like strange, freshly popped pink popcorn. It is truly a feast for eyes that have been starved for color over the long, cold, white winter. The plum tree produces a glorious sight that makes you want to sing out praise to God for his magnificent creation. But once in a while you see a plum tree with one or two branches adorned with pure white blossoms amidst the pink profusion. How can that be possible? Can a tree produce two different colors of flowers, or more than one variety of plums? If the process of grafting has taken place, two different strains are certainly possible. To graft white blossoms into a pink tree, the gardener must select a healthy branch from a white blossomed tree, insert the scion (cutting) into a cut edge of the pink root stock, and bind the graft area together until the cutting has

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joined itself firmly to the new tree. In time, the wounded area heals, and the white - blossomed branch becomes an integral part of the pink- blossomed tree.

This picture of white and pink blossoms blooming side by side on the same tree reminds us of God's design for our lives. He makes salvation through faith in Christ possible for every person, no matter what color or race, and arranges for us to live together in harmony in his family. The pink blossoms have no greater claim on God's elegant design than do the white blossoms. To suggest that one blossom might feel superior to the other is ridiculous. Our Bible study lesson today will bring out this truth – each of us is saved according to God's great grace and mercy, and none have any room for feeling superior to others.

Background:

Please ask for and read the information contained in the “**Basic Information for Leading the Unit of Study**”, found at the beginning of this Unit. Whoever downloaded this session for you should have that material for you as well.

It is important to view chapter eleven in light of what we have already learned from chapters nine and ten. Paul spoke in those chapters of how God initially planned for the world to know Him through the Jewish people. However, the Jews rejected Christ – they became satisfied with religion rather than a relationship with God. So, God rejected their practices and turned to the non-Jews. He gave the Gentiles the opportunity to accept his Son and thus enjoy a saving relationship with God. Although the Jewish religious practices were rejected, and the Jews lost their opportunity to ‘lead the way’, there is nothing to suggest that God permanently rejected the Jewish people. Those who change their minds and desire a relationship with Christ are welcomed into the kingdom. The saving relationship is always based on the personal faith of each individual.

In the first thirteen verses of chapter eleven, Paul speaks about a remnant of Israel. Among Jews and Gentiles worldwide there will always be people who have a relationship with Jesus as Lord. God has not rejected any group of people or any person. Everyone has the option of coming to Christ in faith and accepting his substitutionary death on the cross for his or her sin. It is a personal choice whether or not to agree with the claims of Christ or reject his sacrifice. None are excluded from making that choice. No nation has been stricken from the “possibility” list. It is strictly a matter of personal choice.

Much of chapter eleven deals with the inappropriate attitude of superiority that some Gentiles had toward the Jews. The fact that they had accepted God's offer of salvation, in no way made them any better than others who had rejected the offer.

Focusing on the Meaning:

An Opportunity for Everyone (11: 13-16)

11:13,14 Paul reminds his listeners that he is speaking to them personally as Gentiles – those who are not Jewish by birth. Although God had directed him to work primarily with Gentile people, Paul still had a passion to see his own people come to saving knowledge of a relationship with Christ. Whenever he was among his fellow Jews, he made a big deal about his ministry experiences with the Gentiles in hopes that the Jews would understand what it was they were missing out on. Part of his purpose was to provoke them to jealousy and possibly some would be saved.

11: 15 Paul reasons that if the Jews' rejection of Christ resulted in the opportunity for the rest of the world to be reconciled to God, then their eventual acceptance of Christ would be like coming from spiritual death to new life in Christ. It certainly would be cause for rejoicing.

11: 16 This verse takes us back to an Old Testament practice mentioned in Numbers 15:17-21- the practice of offering to God a portion of the first bread baked from the newly ground meal. The consecrated first bread, or portion of meal, made the whole batch of dough holy, not just the dedicated portion. Similarly, if the root of a tree were consecrated to God, the whole tree would be regarded as holy. These analogies refer to the remnant of faithful Jews who have continued to serve God throughout history. Even though much of the nation's heart was far from God, there were always those who remained true to God. (There were, for instance, those who were faithful in Elijah's day and those in the days of Jesus such as Joseph, Mary, Zacharias, Simeon and Anna, and John the Baptist.)

A Lesson in Horticulture (11:17-24)

11:17 Prophets of the Old Testament (Jeremiah and Hosea) had often pictured Israel as God's olive tree – a tree that was commonly cultivated in those times because of its usefulness. Many times Israel was used to represent the kingdom of God. In these verses, Paul creates an allegory of an olive tree. (An allegory is a story told in figurative language requiring interpretation). God is the rootstock of this olive tree. He is also the gardener. Jews who did not believe in redemption through Christ are the natural branches that have been broken off. The wild branches that have been grafted into the original tree stock represent believing Gentiles.

The process of grafting refers to a shoot of one plant being inserted into the trunk of another, where it continues to grow and becomes a permanent part of that tree. Although we should be careful not to take an allegory too far to find meaning, we can learn some valuable truths from this.

Paul cautions the Gentiles (those grafted into relationship with God) that they have no basis for boasting or bragging over the Jews (those who had been severed from a saving relationship with God). He says they have no basis for an anti-Semitic attitude.

In reality, Paul is speaking to every one of us who have been grafted into a relationship with God through belief in Christ. There are several reasons for us to not feel superior to others.

11:18 This verse reminds us that it is the root of the tree that provides sustenance and supports life, not the branches. We must be sure that we are firmly attached to the root—that our lifestyle affirms our close relationship with Christ.

11:19-21 Paul declares that if the natural branches were removed because of unbelief, the grafted in wild branches could just as easily be removed. This is not to suggest that one could lose their salvation – only that if one fails to demonstrate true faith in Christ, that one would be considered deadwood.

11:22-24 Be very aware of God's grace. His desire is for us to be holy people, firmly rooted in Him and abiding in Him. Refer to John 15 to learn more about this relationship God wants for each of us. His desire is that we should live productive lives in his kingdom because of our close relationship with Christ. If we are not genuinely attached to God through Christ (that is, if we have only a form of religion and not a real relationship), we too will be cut off because we are useless.

The opportunity to be part of this process of salvation is open to all. God's offer of redemption applies to anyone who will believe in liberation through Jesus Christ (and only through Christ). Jews and Gentiles alike are welcomed to be part of God's kingdom. No one gets preferential treatment. Since unbelief is the only unpardonable sin, there is hope for any person who desires to know the truth. Paul says, in these verses, that instead of feeling superior to any person who is not in the kingdom, we should be humbly mindful that it is the nurturing root of the tree (God) who keeps the branches green and growing. We should have an attitude to others that demonstrates compassion for their circumstances and desire for their salvation.

A Mystery (11:25-32)

11:25-27 When Paul refers to a mystery here, he doesn't mean something that cannot be understood. He means rather that it is something that has not yet been clarified. He tries to shed some light on a difficult concept for us. Will all of Israel be saved? Many wise commentators and scholars hold divergent views on what is meant by 'all Israel' in verse 26. Is it the physical nation of Israel? Does this refer to the physical descendants of Abraham? It is this writer's understanding that 'all Israel' means all those who will come to a saving knowledge of Christ and live in a vital relationship with him – regardless of nationality, race, or religious background. Look back to Romans 2:29 to see the definition of 'Jew' that Paul gives there – "a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by a written code." All spiritual descendants of Abraham will indeed be saved.

11:28-32 Paul expressed hope for the Jewish people on the condition that they would stop their unbelief. Only then would God be able to graft them into a relationship with

Him. Perhaps Paul uses the word 'all' to mean many. His great desire is to see his own people turn to Christ in great numbers. And that should be our desire also – to see all people come to know Christ personally and have the opportunity of sweet fellowship with him. One thing we can be certain of – nobody, regardless of ethnic or religious background, can be saved apart from having faith in Christ as Saviour.

The fact that God shows 'mercy to all' does not mean that all will be saved. This is not referring to universal salvation for every person. It shows God's desire to save everyone. Despite his desire to provide for our salvation, God does not force anyone to accept the offer he freely extends.

Doxology (11:33-36)

11:33-36 These last few verses of the chapter are referred to as a doxology- a hymn of praise to God. It is as if Paul can not contain his emotions when he considers who God is and what He has provided for us. He bursts out with words of praise for God's unexplainable wisdom, knowledge, and mercy. No one can fully understand the mind of God and no one gives Him advice. The more we come to understand of Him, the more we want to praise Him. In Him, we have our beginning, our guide along the pathways of our lives, and the ultimate goal of our lives. "God is our Source, our Guide, and our Goal" (11:36, NEB)

Another modern version of the scriptures expresses verse 36 this way, "Have you ever come on anything quite like this extravagant generosity of God, this deep, deep wisdom? It's way over our heads. We'll never figure it out". (11:36 *The Message* by E. Peterson)

Your Goal as the Leader of this Bible Study:

Several weeks ago my husband, Bruce, and I were finishing up visits at a nearby hospital. As we wound our way toward the exit of the emergency room, a slightly inebriated voice called out to us. "Hey, Mister! Could you give me a lift downtown?" He was an elderly fellow, rather dirty, and looking as if he had seen better times. I admit that I wasn't particularly anxious to spend any time with this unfortunate fellow.

Another patient interrupted brusquely, "You'd better just sit down and wait until the nurse says you can go!"

My husband checked with the nurse at her station to see if the man was free to leave. She told us he had been pestering her for hours. She would be glad to be rid of him, but insisted it wasn't our responsibility to provide transportation for him. Characteristically, my husband said it would be no trouble to give the man a lift. The nurse replied, "You're a better Christian than I am, that's for sure".

Bruce brought the car to the entrance, held the door for the man, and assisted him into the vehicle. He treated this stranger as if he were his own father. The old fellow conversed quietly about his family and former home as we drove to a seedy section of town and dropped him off at a rundown building, known locally as the Snakepit. As Bruce helped him out of the car, I remarked, "God bless you, sir".

He looked back at me and replied, "And may God take care of you, too". I was immediately ashamed of my feelings of superiority to this elderly gentleman.

A week later we read the old man's obituary in the local newspaper. I was glad that we had taken the opportunity to do one last deed of kindness for him. I believe that God placed the gentleman in our path to remind me to be very careful about actions that express a 'holier-than-thou' attitude toward any person. As it is often said, "There, but for the grace of God, go I".

For Personal Reflection:

1. **What have I learned from this study?**

2. **What personal experience does this lesson bring to mind?**

3. **What is one action I will take this week to apply this Scripture passage to my life?**

Bible Study Plan (Suggested time: 35 minutes)

God's Merciful Kindness

Regroup the church after the Gathering Time and break by singing a chorus that young children can relate to—or another praise chorus if your congregation does not have children. Children who go to their own Bible teaching session should stay with the group until after this song. Have the preschoolers and children accompany the hymn with rhythm sticks, maracas, bells, etc.

Begin by helping the group locate the Focal Text in their Bibles. Also, share with them the Main Idea to be learned from the Scriptures, and the Questions to be Explored by the group.

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Background Text

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Main Idea

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Questions to Explore

How much better are you than a non-Christian?

Teaching Aim

To help the class describe God's intended relationship between believers and other people.

Connect with Life:

Prior to the study, prepare index cards with scrambled words using synonyms for 'arrogance'. These are listed on the final page of this session if you choose to copy them all on a single page.

You might use: GORCERANA (arrogance), PRIORUSE (superior), STUFLAOB (boastful), DDSIANI (disdain), TARGARBG (braggart), UDROP (proud). As group members arrive, have them work in pairs to discover their word. Don't tell them yet that

the common word is arrogance. When everyone has figured out their scrambled word, discuss what the common bond between all of them is. (all are synonyms of arrogance)

Lead the group to anticipate learning what the Bible teaches about the attitude of superiority toward others.

Guide the Study:

Briefly summarize the gist of the last lesson from chapters nine and ten. Lead the group to answer the question posed at the beginning of chapter eleven, "Have the Jews been rejected by God?"

Call on a volunteer to read Romans 11: 13-17.

Search out an answer to this: "For what reason did Paul want to make the Jews jealous?"

Lead a discussion of the analogy of the olive tree, using these questions: "What does the root represent? Why is it so vital to have a proper relationship to the root?"

Before the study, ask someone with an interest in gardening to peruse John 15 and give a summary of the account at this time.

Question the group: "Does the branch have any life if it is not connected to the vine?" Remind members that we have done nothing to deserve salvation, and without Christ's sustaining nourishment we would be nothing.

Instruct the group to silently read through to verse 32.

Read verses 18, 20, and 25 out loud.

Invite the group to listen for a word each verse has in common. Have someone in the group look up the word 'arrogance' in a good dictionary. Invite members to honestly consider if that word has ever applied to their Christian lives. Have they ever assumed moral superiority over those outside Christ's kingdom or those whose beliefs differ from their own? Have they ever felt that they somehow deserved to be saved more than someone else might? How can we have right attitudes toward others at all times?

Call for opinions: "Does this chapter speak to racial prejudice?"

Seek answers for this question: "How should we as Christians relate to non-Christians from every background?" Remind the group that God provided salvation to every individual who would receive his offer. Though all have sinned, all can be justified freely by God's grace.

Note to Leader: If time permits, consider reading the personal story written in your **Teacher Preparation** section under “Teaching the Passage”. Or, think of a time when you remember being less than sensitive to another person’s needs because he or she was different from you in some way.

Have a time of confession and prayer concerning specific feelings of moral superiority, arrogance, and prejudice. Ask God’s forgiveness for these sins of attitude in our lives.

Finish reading the chapter then read the words of verse 36 from several modern versions of the Scripture.

Now canvass the participants: “Why is Paul so caught up in magnifying God in these verses?”

Encourage Application:

This is a good week for the youth to stay with the adults for these final minutes and celebrate together the wonderful, merciful kindness of God.

If you have a hymnal available, look up one of the doxologies and read the words aloud.

Close with a time of singing praise choruses to thank God for his great gift of salvation.

Ask members to think of several songs, which are especially meaningful to them, that extol God’s wisdom and incredible mercy.

Encourage members to be especially aware this week of attitudes of superiority that creep into their thinking.

Remind them that no one has done anything to deserve salvation—it is only God’s grace that gives us victory in Jesus.

Take a five minute break to separate the Bible Study and Worship Time. Children may need to use the washroom again before worship.

Youth!!! Take Ten

Bible Study Application for Youth

You may wish to move away from the adults for the final five to ten minutes of the Bible study and help each other as youth to apply the lesson to your own needs.

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A youth will lead the following activity and comments. No adults need to be present. If possible, teens should take turns in leading the application time.

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Worship Time (Suggested time: 30 minutes)***God's Merciful Kindness***
Romans 11:13-36**Beginning the Service:**

Ask a child or children to give one of the sheets that contains the Doxology found in Romans 11:33-36 to each person in the service. Note: copies were probably prepared beforehand as suggested in the instructions on page 2 of this session.

Sing "**Wonderful Grace of Jesus**" *The Baptist Hymnal*, (1991), #328

Offering:

Leader: Read Psalms 66:16-20: ***"Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!"***

Praying for the World:

University students everywhere struggle to understand the many philosophies and worldviews that are presented to them. It is a time of examining earlier faith experiences and owning and deepening those faith experiences or turning away from them. Only a few trained people minister on university campuses and walk with students through these days of discovery and questioning. Pray both for university students you know and for those you don't know. Pray for those who minister on university campuses to bring light and salvation.

Sharing Guide:

This sharing guide is written to assist the person who directs the worship time to reemphasize the teaching for the day and help guide the congregation to respond to God's call and will for their lives in regard to the scripture studied. The leader may choose to follow the guide closely. Or, he or she may wish to only use it to

give direction and a concept for preparing an original message. The leader is free to choose other ways to communicate and share the concepts presented here.

For All People

Introduction:

The entire chapter 9 of Romans speaks of Paul's deep desire, anguish even, to bring his fellow Jews to salvation. Many years have passed and history indicates that the Jewish people have had many struggles. Many feel that the establishment of the state of Israel was and is the answer to those struggles. Paul's words, however, remind us that salvation will come to the Jewish people as it comes to each person – individually and by faith in Christ Jesus.

God's forever invitation – Whosoever will may come.

God is patient. He is longsuffering toward us. He is also very merciful and kind. Has God rejected His people? Not at all. He has always presented the invitation, "whosoever will may come." Has God cut off all hope? Not at all. In fact, all people may have hope, including the Jews. This hope however is one that is realized through the Christian movement. Jews are included in this hope in this way, not in their insistence upon their corporate rights as a nation.

There has always been a remnant. Paul actually counted himself as part of this remnant that have been saved. The very acts of God in Israel make up or constitute the true tree of salvation – "For by grace you have been saved through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9).

A new relationship

Because the roots of salvation are in Israel, they can partake of it. But note, they have been broken off because of unbelief – and others – Gentiles – you and me – have been grafted in and we see here in Romans 11:13-36 that Paul firmly hopes and prays this response of the Gentiles will lead to the turning of Jews as a whole to the new election – new religion – Christianity. This would lead to once again the opportunity to participate in God's merciful kindness by being grafted into the tree of faith and thereby integrated into the purpose of God – "that none would perish."

This means that Israel's election in the purpose of God in history is over. Her task is completed. The election of grace still stands. Israel now stands in the same relationship as other nations. She can be used of God in the same way God may use China, Russia, or the Arab nations. However, we must remember, Israel has no special

claim on God and she has no special task to fulfill in the new election, the new covenant.

God is the God of all people

As is the case with all peoples, all people everywhere, anywhere, of whatever tribe or “ethnic group” are welcome to partake of the fruit of God’s redemptive purpose. All peoples anywhere may become Christian and thereby participate in the new covenant. This is where the true destiny of Israel is to be found rather than in the future re-establishment of the kingdom and the institutions that have already fulfilled their historical function and purpose in the redemptive purposes of God.

How will they hear without a preacher?

It is important, even essential, that you and I as believers be obedient in sharing the Word of God because, how can people be saved if they have not heard about Jesus Christ? We are elected for service and we fulfill that service by being obedient to the will of the Father. This includes being “witnesses unto Him (Jesus)” everywhere in all the earth. As we learned in the study of Romans chapter 10, God wants us to be partners with Him in His redemptive mission. Salvation comes through faith that is a gift from God. This salvation is for every person, both Jew and Gentile. God makes no distinction between the Jew and the Gentile in His offer of salvation. Salvation is for all and Jesus is the source of that salvation. God has entrusted His mission of redemption to human witnesses. This is why His call to salvation includes the call to be on mission with Him. We may fail but God never fails. He will always have someone that He raises up that will be obedient to Him.

Call to Commitment:

You and I should always be faithful to share the good news because all must hear in order to believe and they cannot hear unless we are sent. Faith comes by hearing and hearing comes by the Word of God. Romans 10:14-15 reminds of the need and blessing for us to be about the sharing of his word ***“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”***

Concluding the Service:

Read together the Doxology that concludes Chapter 11 of Romans.

**Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!**

**Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?
Who has ever given to God
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For from him and through him and to him are all things.
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