

For I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

**Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**

**“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”**

**“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”**

**For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.**

## **The Setting**

- 1) A section dominated by doctrine or teaching**
- 2) A section give to application or action**

# Romans

**Chapters 1-11**  
**doctrine – what**  
**we believe**

**PRAISE**

**Chapters 12-16**  
**duty – what**  
**we are to do**

# The Song

## Dominated by triads

- riches, wisdom, knowledge (33)
- who has known ... who has been ... who has given (34-35)
- from, through, to (36)

# The Song

- **1 Interjection – Oh**
- **1 Proclamation – the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God**
- **2 Exclamations – how unsearchable his judgments; how inscrutable his ways**
- **3 Questions – “For who has known ... who has been ... who has given?”**
- **3 Affirmations – from him, through him, to him**
- **1 Declaration – to him be glory forever**

# Slips and sins of worship

- Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, “but for Cain and his offering [God] had no regard (Genesis 4:3-5).
- Aaron made a golden calf and people made offerings, but God said, “They have turned aside out of the way I commanded them” (Exodus 32:6-8).
- Nadab and Abihu “offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, which he had not commanded them. And fire came out from before the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord” (Leviticus 10:1-2).
- Israel was marred by idolatry – worshiping other gods in other ways than what God commanded. Jeroboam made temples on high places, appointed priests who were not Levites, and set up a feast in month he chose (1 Kings 12:30-33). God sent word to Jeroboam, “... you have not been like my servant David ... you have done evil ... You have cast me behind your back; therefore, I will ... burn up the house of Jeroboam” (14:8-10).
- Near the end of the Old Testament period, God called out the priests for despising his name; “Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors ... I will not accept an offering from your hand” (Malachi 1:6-10)



# The “wow” of worship

- But I through the abundance of your steadfast love will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you ... let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing with joy (5:8, 11).
- I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! (34:1-3).
- Clap your hands all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth (47:1-2).
- O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands (63:1-4).
- Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ... Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand” (95:1-2, 6-7).



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