“The LORD He Is God”

Psalm 100:1-5

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I’d like to begin today with this.

http://www.crosswalk.com/music-video/a-cappella-how-great-thou-art-is-a-beautiful-reminder-of-the-greatness-of-our-god.html

Please open your Bible with me to I Kings18 and find with me verse thirty-seven. I Kings 18:37 *“Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. (38) Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.*

*(39) And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.”*

Theologians, over the centuries describe the LORD as follows: “Sovereign, Almighty, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Infinite, Eternal, and Immortal, to mention only a few. But no list of adjectives could ever adequately picture the immenseness of God. He is so big that we don’t even have the proper words to describe His bigness. He is bigger than our biggest words and grander than our grandest conceptions.

Because He is God, no words or thoughts of mortal men and women could ever compass His greatness. He is far bigger than we imagine, His presence fills the universe. He is more powerful than we know, wiser than all the wisdom of the wisest men and women, His love is beyond human under-

standing, His grace has no limits, His holiness is infinite, and His ways are past finding out. He is the one true God. He has no beginning and no end. He created all things and all things exist by his divine power. He has no peers. No one gives him advice. No one can fully understand Him. He is perfect in all His perfections.” [Found on [www.keepbelieving.com](http://www.keepbelieving.com) “Our Awesome God”].

I’ve titled today’s sermon “The LORD He Is God.” Shall we pray?

Someone has wisely said “*The greater our view of God, the more strength we will have to face the trials of life*.”

So, today, in light of Thanksgiving, I want to encourage you to put your focus on the right thing; actually, the Right Person, the LORD.

Do you remember the words of Pharaoh when Moses came requesting the Jews be free to worship the LORD? Pharaoh said this. Exodus 5:1 *“And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. (2) And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.”*

Pharaoh confessed two things that he really believed. One, that he did not know the LORD. And two, that he would not obey Him.

My hope today is this, that, as you see Who the LORD is that you will go away saying “I know the LORD” and “I will obey Him.”

Please turn with me to the NT Book of Romans at the eleventh chapter. Romans 11:33 *“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*

*(34) For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor? (35) Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? (36) For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen.”*

Paul uses this word “O” as an expression very few times here in Romans and usually he uses it in reference to people. For example, he says this Romans 2:1 *“Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.”*

Romans 2:3 *“And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?”*

 But here, it’s like there’s no containing his feelings. Romans 11:33 *“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*

And what did Stuart Kine say in “How Great Thou Art”? He said *“O LORD, my God, when I in awesome wonder…”*

The words were written originally in Russian in a poem by Carl Boberg, a mountain climber and Russian poet. Boberg climbed the Carpathian Mountains with a group of young people and as they walked, he observed the birds and trees and the brook and the wind and decided to write a poem about them. The result was “How Great Thou Art.”

This passage here in Romans 11 is often called a “Doxology.”

First, then, God’s knowledge is deeper than the deepest depths of human knowledge.

Depths are either inside a very deep cavern or the depths of the ocean. What are depths anyway? Depths is a measure of deepness. How deep is that cavern? Or, how deep is that water in the Marina’s Trench?

You might think Paul is referring to the ocean. Do you remember what the Prophet Jonah said when he was inside the belly of the large fish? Jonah 2:5 *“The waters compassed me about, even to the soul:* ***the depth*** *closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.”*

But what he’s really saying is this. There is no way to measure the wisdom and knowledge of God. Look again at Romans 11:33 *“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*

How deep is the LORD’s knowledge? It’s unsearchable. The knowledge and wisdom that God has is infinite. So, when it comes to knowledge; there are no depths to that knowledge. Depths isn’t just deep; it’s so deep we can’t fathom it. And there are no boundaries to that knowledge. It’s deeper than all the depths of human knowledge.

Daniel, the prophet puts it this way.

Daniel 2:19 *“Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. (20)* *Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:*

*(21) And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: (22)* ***He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him****.”*

And I John 3:20 says this *“… God is greater than our heart and knoweth all things.”*

And Job puts it this way. Job 9:5 *“Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger. (6) Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. (7) Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars.*

*(8) Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. (9) Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south. (10) Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.”*

God is the One Who created the laws of thermodynamics. He is the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe. He has all knowledge.

And think about all the problems humanity is facing today: the drug culture, wars, pollution, crime, mental illness, marital issues, cults, drought, Civil Rights, Aids, Ebola, Zika virus, financial ruin, hunger, etc. and etc. And who has the answer to these problems? The human genius is not able, with all our knowledge and understanding; our medical advancements, our vast intelligence, our governments have no answer for these problems. And where is the answer? Where can we go for help? To the One Who has all knowledge; if we would but turn to Him.

By the way, to you know how slavery was ended in Great Britain? Through the efforts of a man named William Wilberforce, friend of Pastor John Newton.

Who founded the Red Cross? A Christian, Clara Barton.

Who created the first hospitals? Huguenot Christians.

Who invented anesthesia? A Believer.

Who’s the Father of astronomy? Copernicus, a Christian

Who invented movable type and printed the first book? Johanne Gutenberg, a Christian.

Who wrote the Messiah? A Christian, George Frideric Handel

Who’s the greatest composer of all time? A Christian, Johanne Sebastian Bach.

Where did Abraham Lincoln go to unite the United States after the Civil War? He went to the LORD for His answers.

And where do you think these men and women found their wisdom and desire to do what they did? They found it in the All-wise God.

Today we have a computer that can perform 93 million calculations per second. It was made in China and shown to the world this past June. It’s called the “93 petaflop Sunway TaihuLight.” And who gave the Chinese the ability to create this computer? It was the LORD, the One Whose knowledge and wisdom is unsearchable in its depths.

Many of us have an ocean side view of the LORD. We see a little sliver of His Person. But we know so little about Him.

So, what should we do since we know so little, really? There’s just one thing to do. Here’s Colossians 2:1 *“For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; (2) That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches*

*of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; (3) In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”*

Here’s what to do in every single circumstance of your life. Look directly to Jesus Christ. Ask Him for His wisdom on that matter. People will look in a hundred different places while Jesus waits patiently nearby. Then, when we come to the end of our searching for wisdom, He’s ready and willing to dispense His. And God thinks about your life and your world and all of creation on a whole different level than even the smartest person can conceive of. [Found on [www.blog.faithlife.com](http://www.blog.faithlife.com) “How Big Is God?” He’s got a treasure chest full of just what you need in every single situation you encounter. Psalm 147:5 *“Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.”*

Samuel Francis, a salesman and an open air preacher wrote a number of poems; some of which became hymns for Christians to sing.

He wrote one called “O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus.”

“O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o’er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!
’Tis an ocean full of blessing, ’tis a haven giving rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, ’tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!”

“O” – that’s the exclamation of a man who realizes that the Person of God is much greater than all of us together can imagine.

First, God’s knowledge is deeper than the deepest depths of human knowledge.

Second, no one can instruct or counsel God. Verse thirty-four. Romans 11:34 *“For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor?”*

Folks, if God has to look to someone else for counsel on anything, He wouldn’t be God, would He? He has no research team.

Do you know what intuitive means? God’s knowledge is intuitive. He just knows all there is to know. We, on the other hand, have to learn. We need counsel and instruction in every area of life. There’ve been times when I’ve asked my son Dan to explain what engineering really is. And, after he explains it, I say “Oh, I see. Now, I understand.” When, all the while, I don’t understand it. I might understand a bit of it. But, engineering is not that easy to understand or apply, is it?

And did you catch what Paul says here? “Who has known the mind of the LORD?”

Can we even imagine what it took to create emotions and human minds and human hearts and everything visible and invisible and all the laws of the universe and a moon and a sun and the billions of galaxies of stars? And the human body and the creation of a baby inside a mother’s womb? And DNA? And a cell? And light and heat and cold and rain and snow and a seed and a harvest?

We can’t even figure out what an apple is or how many apples can come from one apple seed. And along with all that knowledge, He knows the future.

Robert Jastrow is the Founder of NASA’s Goddard Institute. He’s not a Believer; at least He wasn’t when he wrote the book “God And The Astronomer’s” Here’s a word from Dr. Jastrow in his conclusion. Watch for his mocking words.

*“This is an exceedingly strange development, unexpected by all but the theologians. They have always accepted the word of the Bible: In the beginning God created heaven and earth… [But] for the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream.*

*He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; [and] as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.”*

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So, no one can instruct or counsel God. That means He’s the Instructor. He’s the Counselor.

And what is your response to this Amazing God? Here it is. John 7:14 *“Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. (15) And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?”*

Jesus never studied under one of the great teachers of His day. Why? He is God. He is the All-wise, All-knowing Creator of the universe. How could He not know?

And, folks, let me give you the definition of foolishness here. It’s an educational system that refuses to acknowledge the One Person Who is the Source of all knowledge. The more we, as a society or a government or an educational system trust in our own humanistic level of understanding and knowledge, the further we go from the truth and spiritual darkness. And, all the while, the answer is quote “right under our noses.” Our answer is a Person. Jesus said this *“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

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Third, God doesn’t need anything. Romans 11:35 *“Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?”*

He’s perfectly rich and needs nothing. And look at Paul’s reason; verse 36. Romans 11:36 *“For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen.”*

And fourth and finally, God knows you very well.

“George Washington Carver was a devout Christian who had a deep knowledge of God. When he was asked where he came up with so many uses for the peanut, he told this story. He said that when he was a young man, he went for a walk in the fields and while he was there, he and the Lord had a conversation. When he asked the Lord to show him why he had created the universe, the Lord said, “Son, that’s much too big for you. Ask me for something you can understand.” So he tried again. “Lord, show me why you created the world.” “Still too big for you. Try again.” George Washington Carver dropped his eyes to the ground and happened to see some peanuts on the vine. “Lord, could you tell me why you created the peanut?” “That’s a good question. Now we’ve found something you can understand.” The Lord showed Dr. Carver the secrets of the peanut, and he used what God showed him to change the world.” [Found on [www.keepbelieving.com](http://www.keepbelieving.com) “Our Awesome God”]. Professor Carver discovered forty different items that could be made from peanuts. And that’s not counting all the things he made from sweet potatoes.

Of all the things we can see and discover about God, this might be the most wonderful and motivating. He knows me. He knows you. He knows you on a level that is deeper than anything known to mankind.

If God knows all there is to know, isn’t it simply wonderful that He knows you deeply and perfectly?

Conclusion. We’ll be gathering around the table to celebrate thanksgiving this week. And who is it that you will thank? Will you thank Him for Who He is? And, will you remember that there is nothing that comes into your life that He isn’t fully aware of? Not a trial, not a problem, not a person, not a situation. Just the fact that He knows is pure comfort. And then, will you instruct Him or counsel Him as to what needs to be done? Or, will you look to Him for His counsel and His wisdom? And will you submit yourself to His will today? Will you believe with all your heart that He is working everything together for good in your life?

And what is the most amazing fact we have about God? It’s this. God offers His free salvation to anyone who repents and believes on Christ. Christ came here to be a baby just like you and a young person just like you and a young adult just like you and then, like you, He died. And how He died was the worst way anyone can think to die; by crucifixion. And God even used this to show His wisdom.

I Corinthians 1:20 *“Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? (21) For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

*(22) For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: (23) But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; (24) But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. (25) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”*

Will you accept the fact that you are human and He is God? That He is all-wise and you need His wisdom? Will you submit all that you are to Him today?

There’s really only one proper response to Romans 11:33-36? Here it is. http://www.crosswalk.com/music-video/a-cappella-how-great-thou-art-is-a-beautiful-reminder-of-the-greatness-of-our-god.html

Shall we pray?

Please find with me hymn number # \_\_\_\_\_ “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”