

God Is Supreme

(Romans 11:36)

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FOR *from* **HIM** & *through* **HIM** & *to* **HIM** ARE
ALL THINGS.

TO HIM BE GLORY
forever.
AMEN.

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- “There is none like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is great in might. Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you. (Jer 10:6–7)

universe = everything that is not God

11:33

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[1] Oh, the depth of the riches
and wisdom
and knowledge of God!

[2] How unsearchable are his judgments

[3] and how inscrutable his ways!

11:34

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[1] “For who has known the mind of the Lord,

[2] or who has been his counselor?”

11:35

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

11:36

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Amen.

33–36 responds to
9:1–11:32; 33 =
three exclamations
about God

Supports 33 (three
rhetorical questions
quote the OT)

Supports 34–35
(three prepositional
phrases)

Inference of 33–36c

Affirms 33–36d

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- “All things are from God” (1 Cor 11:12c).

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- God “has spoken to us by his Son ... through whom also he created the world” (Heb 1:2).

- “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen 1:1).

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- “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork” (Ps 19:1).

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- “I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself” (Isa 44:24).

- “It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens” (Jer 10:12).

“Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?” (Isa 40:12)

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Therefore, he owns you,
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- “The Most High rules the kingdom of men and
gives it to whom he will” (Dan 4:25).

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- “Does disaster come to a city, unless the LORD has done it?” (Amos 3:6).

- “This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men” (Acts 2:23).

- “For truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place” (Acts 4:27–28).

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My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God” (Ps 42:1-2a).

- “Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre,
O God, my God” (Ps 43:4).

- “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” (Ps 63:1).

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- “I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord. ... And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen” (Exod 14:4, 18).

- “Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. Yet he saved them for his name’s sake, that he might make known his mighty power” (Ps 106:7-8).

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- The Lord says, “I acted for the sake of my name” (Ezek 20:14).

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- “To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen” (1 Pet 4:11).

- “Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen”
(Jude 24-25).

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- “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created” (Rev 4:11).

- “Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen” (Rev 7:12).

Sinners are any feeling or thought or speech or action that comes from a heart that does not treasure God over all other things. And the bottom of sin, the root of all sinning, is such a heart—a heart that prefers anything above God, a heart that does not treasure God over all other persons and all other things.

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“Why is it that people can become emotionally and morally indignant over poverty and exploitation and prejudice and abortion and the infractions of religious liberty and the manifold injustices of man against man,

“and yet feel little, or no, remorse or indignation or outrage that God is disregarded, disbelieved, disobeyed, dishonored, and thus belittled, by millions and millions of people in the world? And the answer is: sin. And that is the ultimate outrage of the universe.”

John Piper

Nebuchadnezzar:

“Is not this great Babylon, which I have built
by my mighty power as a royal residence
and for the glory of my majesty?” (Daniel 4:30)

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