

ACTS 1:1-11

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Romans 12:1

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A. THE CONTEXT.



Romans 11:33-12:2

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of Elohim! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of Yahweh? 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 for ever. Amen. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Elohim, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Elohim, which is your reasonable service.



2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of Elohim.



1. Elohim is far greater than our human understanding of him.
(Romans 11:33-34).



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Paul was the best educated and most intellectually proficient of all the writers of the New Testament. Yet we find in Romans 11:33-34 the profound sense that Paul does not, and never will, fully understand the greatness of Elohim. Elohim's wisdom and knowledge has depths that no man can plumb.



Elohim's judgments are unsearchable and his paths beyond tracing out. This may seem a shocking statement to some, but Paul wrote it under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and I believe it is true. Elohim does, or allows, things that we just don't understand, and he doesn't owe us any explanations.



Paul expresses the same sense in many other passages.



Ephesians 1:19

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,



Ephesians 3:19-20

19 And to know the love of Messiah,
which passeth knowledge, that ye
might be filled with all the fulness
of Elohim.20 Now unto him that is
able to do exceeding abundantly
above all that we ask or think,
according to the power that worketh
in us,



Philippians 4:7

7 And the peace of Yahweh, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Messiah Yahshua.



1 Corinthians 2:9-10

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which Elohim hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But Elohim hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of Elohim.



Paul also emphasizes that our knowledge and understanding of Elohim dose not come from our intellect, nor, indeed, from any attribute of ours, but from the Holy Spirit and from revelation. (We should use our intellect, but our intellect is not sufficient.) Paul was strong in warning against false doctrine, but he emphasized that our faith must be, not in doctrine, but in a person.



2 Timothy 1:12

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Whom, not what.



Paul was not taught the gospel;

Galatians 1:12

12 For I neither received it of man,
neither was I taught it, but by the
revelation of Yahshua Messiah.



1 Thessalonians 1:4-6

4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of Elohim.5 For our good news came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Master, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit.



1 Corinthians 2:4-5

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of Elohim.



1 Corinthians 2:12-14

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of Elohim; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of Elohim.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.



14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of Elohim: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.



1 Corinthians 1:20-25

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not Elohim made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For after that in the wisdom of Elohim the world by wisdom knew not Elohim, it pleased Elohim by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:



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23 But we preach Messiah impaled, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Messiah the power of Elohim, and the wisdom of Elohim. 25 Because the foolishness of Elohim is wiser than men; and the weakness of Elohim is stronger than men.



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Ephesians 1:17-18

17 That the El of our Master Yahshua Messiah, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,



Colossians 1:9

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;



2 Peter 1:1-3

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Yahshua Messiah, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of Elohim and our Saviour Yahshua Messiah:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of Yahweh, and of Yahshua our Master,



3 According as his majestic power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and holiness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:



Isaiah 55:8-9

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Yahweh.9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

