

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

The Truth of God Is Greater Far

TUNE: I Sing the Mighty Power of God (ELLACOMBE)

Psalm 119:96; Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 11:33-36; Colossians 2:2-3; Hebrews 1:1-3

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1. The truth of God is great-er far Than our poor hu-man mind,
2. Who dares to lim-it God Him-self To what we un-der-stand,
3. O Lord, Your Word is Je-sus Christ, Your truth in us be-gun,

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Than an-y doc-trine, creed, or sect, All par-tial and con-fined.
To shrink His spraw-ling mys-ter-y And hold it in our hand?
But O the depths of all He is And all that He has done!

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His treas-ures hold un-count-ed wealth That hearts have nev-er heard.
Im-mens-i-ty of pur-est love! An o-cean un-ex-plored!
Let faith and love each day in-crease The hun-ger You have stirred:

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Our bound-less God has yet more light To shine out from His Word.
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May more and more of Christ our Light Shine bright-ly from Your Word!

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TOPICS: Lent-Easter; Praise & Worship; Word of God

LEAD-IN: *O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
And his paths beyond tracing out!* (Romans 11:33, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Wisdom in Our Ignorance

*Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
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We human beings are inherently ignorant. Physically we live a fraction of a second on a grain of sand in a universe that is ancient and vast beyond all imagining. Our perspective and objectivity are minuscule. Our view of truth is highly tainted by our personal prejudices and selfish desires. To claim that we understand reality, or that our minds and limited senses are an accurate gauge of reality, is laughable. Ignorance is common to each and every one of us.

God in His greatness has chosen to reveal Himself to us. And by degree He graciously helps us understand reality as we understand Him. He has given us His own Spirit to enlighten and guide us.

But *we have this treasure in jars of clay* (2 Corinthians 4:7, NIV). As we trust His revealed Truth and faithfully speak the Truth and live the Truth, we need to remember our limitations and the weakness of the vessel in which we hold His treasure. Our understanding of our great and boundless God is always only partial.

Yet God's promise to us is this:

- God, who through the millennia has spoken to us in many different ways, has spoken fully and finally in Jesus Christ, His own Son (Hebrews 1:1-2).
- *In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ* (Colossians 2:9-10a, NIV).

All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ (Colossians 2:3). If you desire wisdom, if you want understanding, seek Him.