

# Jeremiah 9:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

## Analysis

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This verse provides the positive corollary to verse 23's negatives: 'But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me.' The Hebrew yithalel (יִתְהַלֵּל, glory, boast) should focus on sakal (סָכַל, understanding, acting wisely) and yada (יָדָע, knowing intimately). Knowledge of God combines intellectual understanding with personal relationship. 'That I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth.' Three attributes define God's character: chesed (חֶסֶד, covenant love, loyalty), mishpat (מִשְׁפָּט, justice, judgment), and tsedaqah (צְדָקָה, righteousness). 'For in these things I delight, saith the LORD'—God takes pleasure in exercising and seeing these qualities. True glory is knowing this God and reflecting His character.

## Historical Context

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This verse became foundational for Jewish and Christian theology of knowing God. The three attributes—lovingkindness, judgment, righteousness—summarize God's covenant character. Micah 6:8's requirements (justice, mercy, humble walk with God) reflect similar theology. Paul quotes verse 24 in 1 Corinthians 1:31 and 2 Corinthians 10:17, applying it to boasting only in Christ. The Reformed tradition emphasized knowing God as life's chief purpose based partly on this text.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What does glorying in knowing God look like practically, contrasted with glorying in wisdom, strength, or wealth?
2. How do lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness together reveal God's complete character?

## Interlinear Text

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כִּי	אֵם	בֶּן	אֶת	הַמְתַּהֵל	ל	הַמְתַּהֵל	ל
H3588	H518	H2063		But let him that glorieth		But let him that glorieth	
				H1984		H1984	
			הַשֹּׁכֵל	וְיָדַעַ	אֹתִי	כִּי	אֲנִי
			in this that he understandeth	and knoweth	H853	H3588	H589
			H7919	H3045			
			יְהוָה:	עַל	חַסְדֹ	מִשְׁפָּט	וְצִדִּיקָה
			me that I am the LORD	which exercise	lovingkindness	judgment	and righteousness
			H3068	H6213	H2617	H4941	H6666
			בָּא	לָהּ	כִּי	בָּא	רֵץ
			in the earth	H3588	H428	for in these things I delight	saith
			H776			H2654	H5002
			יְהוָה:				
			me that I am the LORD				
			H3068				

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Corinthians 10:17** (Glory): But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

**Galatians 6:14** (Glory): But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

**1 Corinthians 1:31** (Glory): That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

**Micah 6:8** (Righteousness): He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

**Micah 7:18** (Light): Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

**Psalms 44:8** (Parallel theme): In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

**1 John 5:20** (Parallel theme): And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

**John 17:3** (Parallel theme): And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

**Psalms 51:1** (Parallel theme): Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

**Psalms 91:14** (Parallel theme): Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.