

Deuteronomy 32 – 3 June 2021

“Rock Music”

Introduction

- *The final act for Moses is about to be completed
- *Moses has completed giving the Law & reiterating in Deut. the things God would have him say again
- *He’s had all Israel ratify the covenant agreeing to it
- *And God has already had Moses turn over leadership to Joshua
- *In Chap 31:19, God told Moses to write this song as a witness against Israel, that God already knows the trouble they’ll get themselves into
- *Despite their sinfulness, He loves them and wants them by His side
 - *As seen in the story of Hosea & the Prodigal Son
- *Today we’ll see 3 results when the rebellious & the Rock collide**

1st result of the rebellious & the Rock colliding is that God our Rock graces them with His love (Chap 32:1-14)

Read Vs 1-4

1. Song begins in vs 3 praising the name of God
 - a. David said in Psm 69 – “I will praise the name of God w/ a song...this...shall please the Lord better than” sacrifices.
2. God is our Rock
 - a. Unmovable in truth
 - b. Reliable in destiny
 - c. Psm 97:2b – “Righteousness & justice are the foundation of His throne.”
3. When God intervenes, it’s not possible for anything but good to come of it.

Read Vs 5-6

1. Why would you “pay back” God by rebelling?
2. God made them a people & paid to set them up

Read Vs 7-8

1. Remember the past, God divided the people into nations at the Tower of Babel
2. In God's mind that whole time was to provide Israel with a good land in the days to come

Read Vs 9-14

1. God took Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob from nothing and into prosperity
2. Notice vs 10 – led, instructed & kept him
 - a. Jesus said, I am the Way, Truth & the Life
 - b. He wants to lead, instruct & keep us too!
3. God also found us in a desert place, having no ability in ourselves.
 - a. Yet He chose to lead, instruct & He will keep us for all eternity.
 - b. The grace of God is stretched out to unworthy sinners today like you and me.

2nd result of the rebellious & the Rock colliding is that they forsake their Rock & reap what they sow (Chap 32:15-28)

Read Vs 15-18

1. B/c of God prospering them, Israel forsook God in the wilderness
2. The image of becoming fat is used negatively
 - a. Meaning: took the blessing of God and consumed them on yourself instead of being a conduit of blessing toward others.
 - b. Eliminates your need to continually come back to God in dependance for further blessing
3. Notice vs 16 – They made God jealous by placing other things as #1 in their lives.
 - a. He's right to be jealous.
 - b. He's the One that made us, led us, instructs us & would keep us for all eternity as the Rock

Read Vs 19-21

1. Notice the punishment of God begins by simply removing His hand of blessing.
 - a. When Philistines caught Samson it says, “he didn’t know that the Lord was departed from him.”
 - b. I wonder if America is aware of this?
2. What should they have done? Faith (vs 20)
 - a. God is looking for those who know to depend on Him in the empty time and the full.
3. As they provoked God by their lust for false gods, He’ll provoke them to jealousy by another group (You & me...the Church)
 - a. Read Rom 11:11 – Goal is their salvation!

Read Vs 22-28

1. In the land, then scattered out b/c of idolatry.
2. Notice vs 1, God’s fire to consume impurities
 - a. Read Psm 97:1-6
3. Judgement will come to them, but not an utter end, lest their enemies say that they did it

3rd result of the rebellious & the Rock colliding is that God the immovable Rock sets all things right again (Chap 32:29-43)

Read Vs 29

1. Notice God's heart, longing for closeness w/ you
2. Wisdom is to have the long view & see things from God's point of view.

Read Vs 30-34

1. God wishes they knew how great He is as compared to those helpless false gods
2. We get a little temporary touch of pleasure & we think it's the best thing ever.
 - a. God has much more to offer & for eternity!

Read Vs 35-42

1. There is but one end for those that hate God
2. The Lord will judge and none can stop it
3. This is a call to turn from vanities now!
 - a. Who can stop the Lord God Almighty?

Read Vs 43

1. When you're convinced that you're under the wrath of God this is a fearful thing that God will judge setting all things right.
2. When you know you've been made righteous by the precious mercy & blood of Jesus you can rejoice!
3. Thus, the Song of Moses, his Rock music has ended

Now the charge to memorize & meditate on this song

Read Vs 44-47

1. This is a meaningful task to consider our ways
2. It's our very life; God wants us to prosper

Read Vs 48-52

1. God commands Moses to go into the mt to die
2. And w/ it the important reminder to allow God to always have that special #1, sanctified position in our lives.

Conclusion

So what should we do in light of this collision of our evil with God's goodness?

- 1. Meditate on God's goodness towards us**
 - a. God made us & came to us in a time when we knew we were helpless
 - b. He's led us, He's instructed us & He'll keep us thru the blood of Jesus & the Holy Spirit in us
- 2. Don't forsake God for other passions, but live in such a way that we provoke others to jealousy by our good works**
 - a. How great to show our joy & rest in our relationship w/ God Almighty!
 - b. Matt 5:16 – "Let your light so shine b4..."
- 3. Wait in hope for God to avenge you making all things right**

God is an unmovable Rock – what will you do with Him?

Read Matthew 21:44 – Be broken in acceptance of Him or broken in destruction – your choice