

# Deuteronomy 33-34 – 10 June 2021

## “A Conduit Of God’s Blessing”

### Introduction

\*Moses has completed giving the Law & reiterating in Deut. the things God would have him say again

\*We’ve seen ratification of the covenant of the Law

\*God has turned over earthly leadership to Joshua

\*We’ve made it to the ~~end~~ TRANSITION of all things

\*We’re here in this temporary life to determine:

*What will you do with the eternal?*

\*God is eternal – Choose to come to Him in salvation

\*God’s Word is eternal – Accept it as the only beacon of truth and light in this dark world

\*You are eternal – Choose to grow towards all Godly things of truth, justice, peace and power

\*Other People are eternal – Be a conduit of God’s blessing/goodness to them bringing them into the light

\*But what is it to be a “blessing”?

\*Webster’s says a blessing is “Any means of happiness desired, invoked or foretold upon another”

\*We have a life of “joy” b/c of our position in Christ Jesus but “happiness” is dependance on your “happenings”.

\*So although the Christian has a base position of joy unending, we should seek to modify the “happenings” of life into good events & interactions

\*To finish out Deut, we hear of Moses’ blessing of the people of Israel and God’s blessing of Moses

**\*Today let’s pass on these 5 blessings of living in open relationship with God to all the other eternal people in our lives**

# **1<sup>st</sup> Blessing of God to pass on to others is His Love (Chap 33:1-5)**

Read Chap 33:1

1. Moses had recorded Jacob's blessing of the original 12 tribes or sons in Gen 49
2. This blessing of Moses is very similar
  - a. Shows the prophetic nature, that God gave them divine foreknowledge of what's to come

Read Chap 33:2-3

1. Our loving God was the One to initiate this union
2. Read Rom 5:8 – None else happens until God first comes and graciously offers us His love

Read Chap 33:4-5

1. He gave them His Law as a loving guide to help
2. God's love & majesty provides context to the following individual words of truth to each tribe
3. How are you doing with initiating God's love toward others?

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Blessing of God to pass on to others is His Truth (Chap 33:6-25)**

Read Chap 33:6 – *The Blessing of Reuben*

1. Remember b/c these are from the mind of God and not person to person, these are prophecy more than just a wish of good things. This is reality
2. No judge, prophet or king is known to have come from Reuben
3. Very similar to Jacob's blessing in Gen 49:3-4

Read Chap 33:7 – *The Blessing of Judah*

1. Judah will rise up to be dominate & every king will come from him.
2. God will be Judah's very practical help

Chap 33:8-11 – *The Blessing of Levi*

1. Read Vs 8 – God provided the 2 dice to the High Priest as He provided water when they needed
2. Read Vs 9 – As priest judges they remain impartial to each person, but observe the just Law
3. Read Vs 10-11 – The blessing of abundance provision and supply as they teach the people

## Read Chap 33:12 – The Blessing of Benjamin

1. Where safer to be than Jerusalem, heart of land
2. City originally belonged here, before K. David

## Read Chap 33:13-17 – The Blessing of Joseph

1. Unicorns – This simply a breed of Rhino
  - a. Don't think you'd see a mythical horse  
“pushing the people together”
2. So Joseph, which is the land of Manasseh & Ephriam is bountiful in land resources
  - a. Zion Oil & Gas have begun drilling for oil
  - b. Why? B/c they believe God's Word is true!

## Read Chap 33:18-19 – Blessing of Zebulon & Issachar

1. They were blessed be the sea trade of the Med and of the Sea of galilee
2. “Treasures in the sand”
  - a. This is the border w/ Joseph that's being drilled for oil by Zion Oil & Gas
  - b. This is Megiddo & the Jezreel Valley

Read Chap 33:20-21 – *The Blessing of Gad*

1. Similar to Jacob's blessing, Gad was fierce and provided many troops for King David

Read Chap 33:22 – *The Blessing of Dan*

1. This prophecy foretells of the sinfulness of Dan
2. They wouldn't take their allotted land along the coast by the Philistines so they migrated north, in the area of Bashan.
  - a. Thus Jor'dan" – descending from Dan
  - b. Dan introduced idolatry into Israel

Read Chap 33:23 – *The Blessing of Naphtali*

1. W & S of the Sea of Galilee
2. "Full of blessing" – Where Jesus taught ALOT

Read Chap 33:24-25 – *The Blessing of Asher*

1. Oil - referring to olive oil that they're known for
2. 'Shoes of iron & brass' – warlike people

Application –

1. All this prophecy b/c God doesn't leave us blind
2. He delights to teach us His ways by His Word
3. Read Hos 4:6, II Pet 1:19, Heb 4:12

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Blessing of God to pass on to others is His Power (Chap 33:26-29)**

Read Chap 33:26

1. God brings heaven & earth to help Israel
2. He musters the full weight of heaven to help u

Read Chap 33:27

1. The Eternal One – no one has ever or will ever dethrone his power
2. God's chosen have a place to rest therein

Read Chap 33:28-29

1. So the ability to dwell in safety not threatened by their enemies b/c their power God is with them
2. Read I Chr 16:9a – “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to shew Himself strong on behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him.”

## **4<sup>th</sup> Blessing of God to pass on to others is His Faithfulness (Chap 34:1-8)**

Read Chap 34:1-4

1. God shows Moses the Land of Promise from Mt Nebo
  - a. Viewing a panorama starting in the North, to the west, toward the south & back to Jericho
2. This is God's faithfulness to complete the promise to Abraham of giving a nation & now a land
3. God completes His Word & doesn't quit

Read Chap 34:5-8

1. God buried Moses at unknown place in the valley of Moab
  - a. He didn't die b/c his body was ready to die
  - b. He died b/c the Lord said this was his time
  - c. It happened "according to the word of the Lord"
2. Interesting that the Lord buried him
  - a. Read Jud 9—So his body wouldn't be an idol

## **5<sup>th</sup> Blessing of God to pass on to others is His Presence (Chap 34:9-12)**

Read Chap 34:9

1. This is very symbolic of Moses' life that he was a conduit of God's blessing to others around
2. Moses represented the one who knew God
  - a. The one that was in God's presence
  - b. Moses who had to veil his face for being in the presence of God

Read Chap 34:10-12

1. What we need is to show others that we live in the presence of God.
2. That we've come boldly to the throne of God's grace
  - a. That we've obtained mercy & grace in our time of need.

## Conclusion

So as we've been blessed by God...pass it on to others

### **1. Pass on the blessing of God's Love**

- a. God initiated His love toward us while we were yet sinner....& continues to give it

### **2. Pass on the blessing of God's Truth**

- a. God knows the beginning & the end; wouldn't it be smart to use His instructions?

### **3. Pass on the blessing of God's Power**

- a. Teach other to rely on God in times of need

### **4. Pass on the blessing of God's Faithfulness**

- a. God will do all that He's said.
- b. Will you be on His side?

### **5. Pass on the blessing of God's Presence**

- a. In Acts 4 it says they couldn't figure out Peter & John b/c they were ignorant men, but then they realized that they "had been w/ Jesus"!!!

*(Outline Jude 24 referring these 5 points)*