

God our Sword & Shield

Dt 33:1-5, 26-29

Intro:

- God of Intimacy, Conversation and Holiness
- This is not the God of this world's greed...
- BUT, it is the God of this world's NEED!
- The Heart of Moses, the Heart of God:
 - Moses has spent 40 years in ministry
 - Guided, interceded, argued and loved
 - Now, they go to the promise, and he to his reward
- His blessing to them, his word to us...

I. Lord of Blessing

- The Lord's Passion for us (33:1-5)
 - He loves people (3)
 - He has shown that love in deliverance from Egypt
 - He has made holy... in His hand!
 - Follow... Receive... All from God!
- God of Jeshurun (5,26)
 - Poetical name for Israel - "the dear upright people"
 - De 32:15 33:5,26 Isa 44:2
 - Rides the heavens, skies to our help! We are not alone!
 - Egyptians, Canaanites, enemies of the Lord...

II. Lord our Shield

- *Jehovah magen* – (Ge 15:1 – Abram -1st time)
 - Shields were for protection in the trenches of battle
 - Battle of our hearts against our flesh and the World
 - David used this also: Ps 3:3; 5:12, 7:10; 18:2,30,35; etc...
- Note: Shield of help
 - This does not protect us from struggle
 - It protects in time of struggle!
 - Faith lays hold of this and holds it tight!
 - “come home with your shield, or on it!”

III. Lord our Sword

- *Jehovah chereb* –
 - Again, David – 1 Sam 17:45 – in the Name of the Lord
 - Revelation 19:15,21 – at Armageddon
 - Heb 4:12 – His Word
- Of His Majesty
 - We need to take care to use this properly
 - “enemies... high places”
 - This is His battle to fight...
- With this, Moses leaves and dies...
- Israel goes to the Land... Joshua! (see 5:13)

Connections:

- God loves His people!
- Hands and steps are seen and noted by Him
- He desires to bless us with His presence
- Pr 30:5 - Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.
- Eph 6 mentions both for our daily needs
- Let it be HIM...