

DEUTERONOMY 32:1-4 - THE SONG OF MOSES – VS. 1-4: GOD’S CHARACTER!

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Holy, Holy, Holy -- Reginald Heber/London Orchestra Festival

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity. AMEN!*

The Biblical Setting: - In Deuteronomy chapter 32 we have the song Moses wrote. This is one of three - Song of deliverance (**Ex. 15:1-19**); This song in chapter thirty two, and then the ninetyeth Psalm is ascribed to Moses. So the three songs (psalms) of Moses.

In Dt. 31:19-21 The Lord has told Moses that he is going to rest with his fathers, “But write down this song for yourselves, teach it to the children of Israel, put it in their mouths that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel. For when I brought them to the land that is flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves, and grown fat: **then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and they will provoke Me and break My covenant.** Then it shall be when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify against them as a witness. For it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behavior today, even before I’ve brought them to the land which I swore to give them”. So, **the purpose of this song is to be a witness to Israel** – One of three. (1 – The Book of Deuteronomy/The Law--to be read every 7 years; 2 – This Song of Moses; 3 – Heaven and Earth, Dt. 32v. 28).

Moses’ Song: - Vs. 1-4 God’s Character; Vs. 5-14 God’s Kindness to His Own People; Vs. 15-25 God’s Faithfulness to His Chastening Israel; Vs. 26-43 God’s Vengeance on His Adversaries

DT. 32:1-4 -- THE SONG OF MOSES – VS. 1-4 – GOD’S CHARACTERISTICS!

[1] "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

- There will be a number of witnesses in the song. The first is God Himself.
- We are given His character here. His purity! His perfection! He is good and all good! There is nothing but good in Him. Then we’re going to have other witnesses, including fallen man, a reproach!
- The song begins by calling heaven and earth as reliable witnesses – Reliable, all good, as created!
- Man also was perfectly made, but He was given free choice. Adam made a terrible evil choice in the fall. Sin and death entered the world.
- So God says to the heavens and to the earth. Give ear! I will speak! Hear the words of My mouth!

[2] Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass.

- Now we have a beautiful description of His Word.
- Do you look at God's word this way? Just savor this as you visualize His word!
- "*drop as the rain*" There is a phone app that can be used to block out noise. It nicely blocks out unwanted noise with a pleasant sound. His word is indeed a pleasant sound!
- Think how rain breaks the hardness of dry ground, like it penetrates our hardened hearts!
- "*distill as the dew*" the purity of distilled water silently and beautifully forming on the blades of grass.
- "*raindrops on the tender herb*" Even the size of falling raindrops are so needed and will not damage even tender herbs.
- "*showers on the grass*" Take away the sprinklers and give us showers!

[3] For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God.

- The name of YHVH. We need to identify the right God!! YHVH! Jehovah! LORD!
- Our God is great! How great is your God?
- Can you understand our God? Is He indeed beyond description?
- If you could understand your God, how great would He be?

[4] He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

- *Rock* stands for stability! Being immovable! A sure foundation. *He is the Rock!*
- His work is always *perfect*! Never, ever argue with God! He is always perfect!
- *All His ways are justice!* He is completely *without injustice*.
- We may not know how God is going to judge the wicked, but we know that His judgment will be perfect and just! "Righteous and true are You, O God!"
- Righteous and upright is He!!!

SUMMARY:

- **The Israelites are about done with their wilderness experience.**
- **Moses is 120 years old and has passed the leadership to Joshua to bring them into the Promised Land.**
- **God instructs Moses to write this song, which will serve as a witness, the 2nd witness, of their sinful nature and of the goodness and glory and merciful heart of a forgiving God.**
- **The first witness given was the Book of the Law, to be read to the people every 7 years.**
- **The third witness to the people is that of heaven and earth, Dt. 31:28**
- **The first four verses of the song are of the character of God!**
- **Note and meditate on His purity; His perfection: He is good and all good!**
- **How great is your God?**

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