

Deuteronomy Lesson #28, Chapter 33

These chapters are rich in truths we need to know and understand about God. Be sure to ask the Lord to prepare your heart to learn what He has recorded here for us.

1. What does verse 1 say is contained in this chapter?
2. What term is used to describe Moses in verse 1? Who else had that title? See Judges 13:6-9; 1 Samuel 2:27; 9:6; 1 Kings 17:18; 2 Kings 5:20; 2 Chronicles 8:14; 1 Timothy 6:11.
3. The word *bless* and its forms are used approximately 530 times in the Bible. What is a blessing and what is its purpose as used in the Bible? Consult a Bible dictionary or Bible encyclopedia for your answer.
4. How is God described in verse 2?
5. In verse 2 we read, *at His right hand there was a fiery law for them* (NKJV *fiery law*, while the ESV reads *flaming fire at His right hand*). What is this interesting phrase referring to? See Deuteronomy 5:22-24.
6. Jeshurun is a symbolic name for Israel, describing her ideal character. It means “righteous or upright one.” How does Moses describe Israel in verses 3-5?

7. Verse 3 paints a beautiful picture of those who follow the Lord. How are those characteristics true of you? In what ways do you sit down at the Lord's feet and receive His Word?

Eager Beaver: take a look at the kind of person who is blessed in the Scriptures. The following verses are only a small representation of all the "blessed are" that can be found in the Bible. What do you learn about the kind of person who is blessed from each verse? See Psalm 1:1-3; 32:1-2; 34:8; 40:4; 41:1-2; 65:4; 106:3; 119:1-2; 146:5; Proverbs 22:9; Matthew 5:3-11; John 13:14-17; 20:29; Ephesians 1:3; James 1:12, 25; 1 Peter 3:14.

8. What blessing is given to Reuben in verse 6?
9. What is Judah's blessing in verse 7?
10. Levi's blessing is more detailed. What are the Urim and Thummin? See Exodus 28:30; Numbers 27:21; 1 Samuel 28:6; Nehemiah 7:65. Who are they to belong to (verse 8)?
11. What point in time is verse 9 referring to? See Exodus 32:25-29.
12. What tasks does Moses pray that God will allow the Levites to fulfill in verse 10? What else does he pray for them in verse 11?

13. What do you learn about Benjamin and what is his blessing (verse 12)?

14. Joseph is not known as a tribe of Israel, but when his father Jacob wanted to give him a double blessing, he chose to bless Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. In verse 13 Moses again refers to Joseph from whom Ephraim and Manasseh come. What is the blessing given to Joseph in verses 13-17? What word is repeated in those verses that indicates the kind of blessing Joseph was to receive?

15. Zebulun and Issachar are included in one blessing. What does Moses pray for them in verses 18-19?

16. What about Gad's blessing (verses 20-21)?

17. What do you learn about Dan's blessing (verse 22)?

18. What is Naphtali's blessing (verse 23)?

19. What does Moses pray for Asher in verses 24-25?

20. For some reason Moses forgets one of the tribes. Who is it? We know they were around at this point because of the future role they played in 1 Chronicles 4:24-43.

Eager Beaver: For your own interest, read Jacob's blessings for his 12 sons in Genesis 49:1-27, then compare them with Moses' blessings of the 12 tribes.

21. Verse 26 begins, *there is none like the God of Jeshurun*. What qualities set Him apart in verses 26-29?

22. Because there is none like the God of Jeshurun, how does Israel benefit from God's unique intervention (verses 26-29)?

23. Israel was a nation chosen by God and you too have been chosen by Him. What do verses 26-29 teach you about God's intentions toward His children? How does that truth encourage you?