

**November 30, 2025 Session 13**  
**Deuteronomy 33:1-5, 26-29 God's Power**

**Intro:** I think about what I say to my daughters and my grandchildren. I have lived a long life, longer than my mother did. The world has changed, but God has not. My grandmother would have said the same thing. The world had changed drastically during her lifetime. Imagine going from horse drawn everything to cars and airplanes. The world will continue to change, but God does not change. God has been with me my entire life, and I wrote and published a book about it. I tell my daughter and grandsons to honor and obey God, even as the world around us goes crazy. One thing is for sure: God is the same today, yesterday and forever. God gives us direction and purpose. He gives us eternal life through Jesus His Son.

**King (Deuteronomy 33:1-5) p. 102**

Wouldn't you like to be remembered as a man/woman of God? Could I measure up to the phrase as someone with a vibrant and close relationship with God, who lives righteously and proclaims the Lord's message? In Psalm 90, Moses shares a prayer and starts it with acknowledging Who God is. **Psalm 90:1-2** *"Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."* The Israelites were on the border of the land God had promised them. Moses loved his people and wanted them to fully commit to the ultimate blessing from God, which was Israel's covenant relationship with the Lord. Through this relationship with God, Israel would experience all the other blessings and gifts of God—including their possession of Canaan. All of Israel's history involves gifts of grace from God. The Lord God chose Israel not because of their own worthiness; they were a small and insignificant people. The Lord God chose us because we allowed Him to come into our lives and take control. Through their weakness, God chose them to make His name and His power known. Even more, God's patience with them flowed from His love for them. Moses was the instrument through which God brought these things about. It was Moses that God used to deliver His people from slavery in Egypt. Moses ascended Mount Sinai to meet with God and receive the law. God is depicted as a mighty warrior and *"came with 10,000 holy ones, with lightning in His right hand."* God is Israel's King, Protector, and Provider. The holy ones mentioned represent God's people (you and I), and the lightning in His right hand is for His people. **Deuteronomy 14:2** *"For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth."* **1 Peter 2:5** *"You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."* When facing an unknown future, it is vital that God's people remember

His promise and past faithfulness in our lives. While we can't always recognize His hand in the present circumstances of our lives, we can always trust His heart. God loves us!

**Vs. 3** God loves His people. The theme of God's love for His people runs throughout the whole Bible. It is the witness of redemptive history. God holds His people in His hand, providing them with protection and comfort. God assembles us at His feet, providing us with the assurance of His presence and the power to carry out His will. I want to be sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to every word. The blessings pronounced in this chapter by Moses upon the tribes of Israel parallel those Jacob gave to his twelve sons from whom the twelve tribes of Israel descend (Genesis 49:3-27). Jacob did not flatter his sons and spoke prophetically. **Genesis 49:27** *"Benjamin is a ravenous wolf: In the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil."* Moses's blessings pronounced upon the tribes of Israel parallel those that Jacob gave to his twelve sons. However, Moses's blessings do not follow the birth order of the sons of Jacob. He organized his blessings geographically, and there is no mention of Simeon. This is most likely due to their dispersion and integration into the tribe of Judah. God gave His words to the Israelites, here called the assembly of Jacob. The term pointed back to Jacob calling his sons while on his deathbed. Both in content and intent, God's instruction to the Israelites was unlike any other religious teaching. It remains so today. God's Word is a light that illuminates our lives. **Psalms 119:105** *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* **1 Peter 2:1-2** *"Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,"* God's word penetrates the core of our being. **Hebrews 4:12** *"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* That God is King is a prevalent theme throughout Scripture. God is the King of heaven, the King over all the earth, and the King of glory. He is the eternal King.

### **Dwelling Place (Deuteronomy 33:26-29) p. 123**

Moses concluded his blessing by exalting God's sovereignty and majesty. God was both Israel's dwelling place and the One who would drive out their enemies. Of all the nations on earth, they were God's own people who would enjoy His protection.

**Note:** Jeshurun is a poetic way of referring to Israel.

God is the Divine Warrior with incomparable and omnipotent power. There is none like Israel's God and King. Israel had God for their dwelling place and underneath are the everlasting arms. Israel would dwell securely because of their relationship with God. They trusted in Him because He is both all-powerful and eternal. The term "dwelling place" carries the connotation of a place of refuge or

shelter from danger. God is a safe and constant habitation. God riding the heavens and the clouds meant He was the triumphant king riding His stallion either to war or in victory. God alone could give Israel aid. He alone was clothed in majesty. God provides complete security. He drove out the enemy before Israel. God is in the heavens above with His arms beneath them. He was at work in front of them. The New Testament describes God as not only surrounding us but indwelling. **1 John 4:4** *“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”* The passage ends with a promise of victory in battle, an important assurance given the Israelites were about to begin the conquest of Canaan. But this would not be due to the strength of Israel’s army, but the strength of Israel’s God. Joshua spoke of this reality in his farewell address to the Israelites after they had defeated their enemies and established themselves in the promised land. He connected Israel’s success to the relationship they had with God, both in the past and in the future. **Joshua 23:9-11** *“For the Lord has driven out from before you great and strong nations; but as for you, no one has been able to stand against you to this day. One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the Lord your God is He who fights for you, as He promised you. Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the Lord your God.”*

God is love, and Jesus Christ is the perfect image of God. He is the answer to the question: “What does love look like?” In Jesus, God came in the flesh—Christ is love in flesh. The dwelling of God with man, in Christ is the most powerful move of pursuing love. In life, Jesus exemplified perfect obedience to the law (love of God and love of neighbor). In the cross, God sent His only Son to bear our sins in our place. **John 15:13** *“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”* In the resurrection, Jesus defeated sin and death, so nothing can separate believers from the love of God. It is through faith in Christ that we enjoy access to God. We experience God’s presence and protection through Christ and in Christ alone. Just like Israel journeyed to the land of promise, we journey toward the promised eternity where we will dwell with God. We can live without fear, knowing that we serve the one true God. We know that we will one day dwell with God eternally in the new heaven and the new earth. We have comfort now and confidence in what is to come. What was lost in the fall, what Israel longed for but never experienced in full, is ours in Christ. This promise is sealed in the words of Christ. **John 6:40** *“And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”*