

**Text: Deuteronomy 32**

**Message: “Remember the days of old”**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Deuteronomy 32 is known as the “Song of Moses”
2. Deuteronomy 32:1-6 – The beginning of the song
  - a. A great consciousness of God (Deuteronomy 32:1-4)
  - b. A candid assessment of Israel’s spiritual state (Deuteronomy 32:5)
  - c. A challenge for them to reconsider their ways (Deuteronomy 32:6)

**THE CALL TO REMEMBER**

*7 “Remember the days of old,  
Consider the years of many generations.  
Ask your father, and he will show you;  
Your elders, and they will tell you:*

*Deuteronomy 32:7*

1. Israel was to remember the past
  - a. The days of old
  - b. The years of many generations
  - c. What God has done for them since the beginning!
2. They were to consult the older ones
  - a. Their father
  - b. Their elders
3. Why the call to remember? Because God knew they were in danger of forgetting
  - a. When they have eaten and are full (Deuteronomy 8:12a)
  - b. When they have built beautiful houses and dwell in them (Deuteronomy 8:12b)
  - c. When they have been enriched with livestock and wealth (Deuteronomy 8:13)
  - d. When their hearts are lifted up (Deuteronomy 8:14)

## THE BLESSINGS OF GOD TO REMEMBER

1. God's plan for them to inherit the promised land

*<sup>8</sup>When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations,  
When He separated the sons of Adam,  
He set the boundaries of the peoples  
According to the number of the children of Israel.* Deuteronomy 32:8

- a. God had specially prepared the land of Canaan for Israel's inheritance
- b. He had set the boundaries of the nations to pave the way for Israel to conquer the land

2. God's regard for them as His inheritance

*<sup>9</sup>For the LORD's portion is His people;  
Jacob is the place of His inheritance.* Deuteronomy 32:9

- a. God saw Israel as His portion and inheritance
- b. God had chosen them as His special treasure above all peoples cf. Deuteronomy 7:6
- c. This is in spite of Him knowing their rebellious nature!

3. God's care and protection for them

*<sup>10</sup>"He found him in a desert land  
And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness;  
He encircled him, He instructed him,  
He kept him as the apple of His eye.* Deuteronomy 32:10

- a. Israel was once in a desolate state
- b. But God specially encircled them with His presence
- c. He instructed them through Moses
- d. He saw them as precious in His sight (apple of His eye)

4. God's leading and training of them

*<sup>11</sup>As an eagle stirs up its nest,  
Hovers over its young,  
Spreading out its wings, taking them up,  
Carrying them on its wings,  
<sup>12</sup>So the LORD alone led him,  
And there was no foreign god with him.* Deuteronomy 32:11-12

- a. A beautiful imagery of a mother eagle training her eaglets
    - i. She would stir up the nest to train them to fly
    - ii. She would hover over them to watch over them
    - iii. She would carry them on her wings when they struggle
  - b. This is how the Lord led Israel!
    - i. He would train them
    - ii. He would watch over them
    - iii. He would be there to rescue them when they falter
5. God's abundant provision for them

*<sup>13</sup> "He made him ride in the heights of the earth,  
That he might eat the produce of the fields;  
He made him draw honey from the rock,  
And oil from the flinty rock;*

*<sup>14</sup> Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock,  
With fat of lambs;  
And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats,  
With the choicest wheat;  
And you drank wine, the blood of the grapes.*

*Deuteronomy 32:13-14*

- a. He gave them great success
- b. He blessed them with the produce of the land
  - i. Honey
  - ii. Oil
  - iii. Best of livestock
  - iv. Choicest wheat
  - v. Wine
- c. There is so much that God had given to Israel!

## LESSONS FOR US TO LEARN

1. Remember God's blessings
  - a. The danger of forgetting is so real
  - b. We must learn to recall all His blessings for us
    - i. Individually
    - ii. As a church
2. Renew our appreciation of His blessings
  - a. Not to take them for granted
  - b. To cherish every blessing He has given to us
3. Respond to Him in grateful remembrance
  - a. To return to Him
  - b. To renew our love for Him
  - c. To serve Him