

A PEOPLE SAVED BY THE LORD**Deut. 33:28-29****MOSES' PRAYER OF BLESSING ON EACH TRIBE OF ISRAEL**

1. All the tribes were prayed by Moses to be blessed Deut. 33
2. He prayed for Israel as individual tribes and as a collective whole
3. However, many complex situations can hinder prayers being answered
 - a. From within
 - i. Self
 - ii. Sin
 - b. From without
 - i. Many enemies
 - ii. Where people lack
 - a) Faith
 - b) Prayer
 - iii. They will be easily defeated
4. Moses wrote earlier that the people would eventually forsake the Lord Deut. 32
5. Nevertheless, Moses still prayed for blessing with faith and hope

FACTUAL ASPECT - THE FACT OF THE LORD'S DISTINCT HAND OF SALVATION

"Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD,
The shield of your help
And the sword of your majesty!" Deut. 33:29a

1. There is no nation like the nation of Israel
2. They had become distinct as a nation because of what God had done for them
3. The fact of being a people saved by the Lord
 - a. God had been saving the people of Israel
 - i. The Lord delivered them from Egypt
 - ii. He sent the great plagues on it
 - iii. He opened the Red Sea and destroyed the armies of Egypt
 - b. He had preserved the nation for 40 years through the wilderness
 - c. He delivered King Og and King Sihon into their hands

- d. The Lord had been delivering the nation of Israel again and again
- 4. The Lord as the shield of their help
 - a. A shield is meant to protect
 - b. The Lord God had been this shield of help to the nation of Israel
- 5. The Lord as the sword of their majesty
 - a. The Lord had given majesty to the nation of Israel
 - b. The sword is used for defensive and offensive measures
 - c. The Lord as sword had brought about majesty to the nation of Israel

FUTURE ASPECT - PRAYING FOR THE LORD'S FUTURE BLESSINGS

“Then Israel shall dwell in safety,
 The fountain of Jacob alone,
 In a land of grain and new wine;
 His heavens shall also drop dew.” Deut. 33:28

“Your enemies shall submit to you,
 And you shall tread down their high places.” Deut. 33:29b

- 1. There is no God like the God of Jeshurun Deut. 33:26a
- 2. After the Lord conquers the land of Canaan Deut. 33:26b-27
 - a. This will be a fulfilment of the promise of the Lord
 - b. The help / power of the Lord
 - c. Israel will overcome their enemies
 - d. But they have to do their part
- 3. The protection of the Lord
 - a. After years of walking in the wilderness
 - b. They were meant to find peace and solace in the land of Canaan
- 4. The provision of the Lord
 - a. Further prayer of blessing given
 - b. The fountain of Jacob alone
 - c. In the land of grain and new wine
 - d. The heavens will drop dew

APPROPRIATE RESPONSES

“Happy are you, O Israel!”

Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD,

The shield of your help

And the sword of your majesty!” Deut. 33:29c

1. Finding joy in in the Lord
 - a. Moses' prayer for the people was for them to be happy
 - b. They were to rejoice there and then that the Lord is their God
 - c. There is no other people saved by Him
 - d. Sources of happiness
 - i. The Lord’s past blessings
 - ii. The Lord’s future blessings
2. Growing in Faith in the Lord
 - a. Having faith in the Lord and His promises
 - b. Faith in the Lord as we pray for His blessings
 - c. Trusting the Lord as our Protector and Provider
3. Following through
 - a. Each tribe must act in faith to reach his potential
 - b. Following through with doing the Lord’s will
 - c. We can pray for blessings but ultimately whether we are blessed depends on our part
 - d. We need to follow through with keeping His word
 - i. Let’s seek to change
 - ii. Let’s seek to deal with our sins
 - iii. Let’s learn to pray more
 - e. Each one of us got to do our part