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Don't take blessings lightly

Deuteronomy Chapter 33

33:1 Now is the blessing of Moses the man of God, before he died, for the Israelites.

The phrase "Moses the man of God" is often used to describe Moses, meaning that he was the chosen and used man of God.

A blessing is not only a verbal wish, but also an expression of sincerity and goodwill, with good expectations and prayers for others. In the Bible, blessings can be seen as God's grace and divine strength, or they can be a prayer to others for peace, happiness, health, and success.

Blessings can come not only from human beings, but also from God. We believe that God's blessings are unconditional, based on His love and grace, and capable of bringing about positive change and help in an individual's life.

True blessings should come from the heart, not just as a formality.

In the New Testament, believers are described as spiritual priests. I Peter 2:9 says, "But you are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, and a people of God." This concept states that believers are given priesthood in Christ and have the power to bring blessings to others through Christ.

So, according to this view, believers can bless others because they have been endowed with God's grace and authority through Christ. This blessing may be through prayer, asking for God's blessings and grace to come to others, or sharing God's love and truth to help others grow and receive God's grace in their lives.

This concept emphasizes that believers not only receive God's blessings, but also have the responsibility to pass on God's love and blessings to others, which reflects mutual support and care in the Christian community.

In the Bible, there are many passages that mention the importance of blessings and how God's blessings affect people's lives. Here are some of them:

Psalm 127:3: "Children are an inheritance from the Lord, and through him comes the reward they deserve."

This passage emphasizes that children are a gift from God and a blessing from God. It is also a reminder of how their children should be viewed and treated.

There are many passages in the Bible that are used for blessings, some of which include:

Numbers 6:24-26:

"May the Lord bless you and protect you;

May the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

May the LORD lift up his face to thee and give thee peace. "

Isaiah 41:10:

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, and I will sustain you with my righteous right hand."

"May the Lord bless you and protect you. - Exodus 6:24

"The Lord has blessed you, and has multiplied you, and made you a multitude, that you may not be destroyed by trouble. - Deuteronomy 1:11

"The Lord blesses you and protects you. - Psalm 121:5

"The LORD will give power to his people, and the LORD will give peace to his people. - Psalm 29:11

"May love and faithfulness always be with you, and may God embrace you with peace!" - Psalm 85:10

"May thou be blessed by the Lord, and blessed by the God who created the heavens and the earth!" - Psalm 134:3

"Blessed be those who wait for the favor of the Most High!" - Isaiah 30:18

"God is the God of peace, and he saves us from all dangers. - Romans 15:33

These chapters are used to bless, comfort, and encourage people, and to bring faith and strength.

The lessons in these verses highlight how God's blessings affect people's lives and values, and how blessings are a manifestation of God's grace and love. These verses encourage people to walk in God's Word in their lives and to trust in His blessings.

Blessing should not be taken lightly, it is a way of showing love, kindness, and blessings to others. Sincere blessings can give strength, encouragement, and support, and can even change people's lives.

Blessings can be verbal prayers or practical support and help. It can convey care, love and blessings for others, making people feel valued and affirmed. This mindset of kind-hearted sharing and blessing of others can lead to positive interactions and relationships in society.

Whether it's by friends, family, or community members, sincere wishes can have a positive impact. It can inspire people to face difficulties, inspire them to pursue their dreams, and make people feel the warmth and support of society.

Therefore, the importance of blessing should not be underestimated, it has the power to change people's minds and lives, and can sow the seeds of love and care in society.

We pray

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for giving us this glorious privilege to be Your children and to be a priest in Christ. We thank You for your grace in giving us the power to serve and bring blessings to others in Your kingdom. Give us more wisdom and insight to understand our responsibilities as priests and to treat others with love and compassion.

Help us live out this divine identity and demonstrate Your love and grace in our daily lives. May we be God's instruments to bring Your blessings to those in need of help and encouragement. Make us a medium of love and manifest Your glory in this world.

Give us the humility to continually seek Your will and be willing to live for Your kingdom. Thank You for Your grace and love, and may we be faithful servants in Your kingdom every day in obedience to Your leading.

In the name of Jesus Christ I pray, amen.

Deuteronomy chapter 33

De. 33:1 This is the blessing that Moses the man of God pronounced on the Israelites before his death.

De. 33:2 He said: "The LORD came from Sinai and dawned over them from Seir; he shone forth from Mount Paran. He came with myriads of holy ones from the south, from his mountain slopes.

De. 33:3 Surely it is you who love the people; all the holy ones are in your hand. At your feet they all bow down, and from you receive instruction,

De. 33:4 the law that Moses gave us, the possession of the assembly of Jacob.

De. 33:5 He was king over Jeshurun when the leaders of the people assembled, along with the tribes of Israel.

De. 33:6 "Let Reuben live and not die, nor his men be few."

De. 33:7 And this he said about Judah: "Hear, O LORD, the cry of

Judah; bring him to his people. With his own hands he defends his cause. Oh, be his help against his foes!"

De. 33:8 About Levi he said: "Your Thummim and Urim belong to the man you favoured. You tested him at Massah; you contended with him at the waters of Meribah.

De. 33:9 He said of his father and mother, 'I have no regard for them.' He did not recognise his brothers or acknowledge his own children, but he watched over your word and guarded your covenant.

De. 33:10 He teaches your precepts to Jacob and your law to Israel. He offers incense before you and whole burnt offerings on your altar.

De. 33:11 Bless all his skills, O LORD, and be pleased with the work of his hands. Smite the loins of those who rise up against him;

strike his foes till they rise no more."

De. 33:12 About Benjamin he said: "Let the beloved of the LORD rest

secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the

LORD loves rests between his shoulders."

De. 33:13 About Joseph he said: "May the LORD bless his land with the precious dew from heaven above and with the deep

waters that lie below;

De. 33:14 with the best the sun brings forth and the finest the moon can yield;

De. 33:15 with the choicest gifts of the ancient mountains and the fruitfulness of the everlasting hills;

De. 33:16 with the best gifts of the earth and its fulness and the favour of him who dwelt in the burning bush. Let all these rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince among his brothers.

De. 33:17 In majesty he is like a firstborn bull; his horns are the horns of a wild ox. With them he will gore the nations, even those at the ends of the earth. Such are the ten thousands of Ephraim; such are the thousands of Manasseh."

De. 33:18 About Zebulun he said: "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and you, Issachar, in your tents.

De. 33:19 They will summon peoples to the mountain and there offer sacrifices of righteousness; they will feast on the abundance of the seas, on the treasures hidden in the sand."

De. 33:20 About Gad he said: "Blessed is he who enlarges Gad's domain! Gad lives there like a lion, tearing at arm or head. De. 33:21 He chose the best land for himself; the leader's portion was kept for him. When the heads of the people assembled, he carried out the LORD's righteous will, and his judgments concerning Israel."

De. 33:22 About Dan he said: "Dan is a lion's cub, springing out of Bashan."

De. 33:23 About Naphtali he said: "Naphtali is abounding with the favour of the LORD and is full of his blessing; he will inherit southward to the lake."

De. 33:24 About Asher he said: "Most blessed of sons is Asher; let him be favoured by his brothers, and let him bathe his feet in oil. De. 33:25 The bolts of your gates will be iron and bronze, and your strength will equal your days.

De. 33:26 "There is no-one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides on the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty. De. 33:27 The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemy before you, saying, 'Destroy him!'

De. 33:28 So Israel will live in safety alone; Jacob's spring is secure in a land of grain and new wine, where the heavens drop dew.

De. 33:29 Blessed are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD? He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword. Your enemies will cower before you, and you will trample down their high places."

Deuteronomy 33 is a chapter in the Old Testament of the Christian Bible that contains a collection of blessings pronounced by Moses upon the twelve tribes of Israel before his death.

Here are some key verses from this chapter:

- 1. "This is the blessing that Moses, the man of God, pronounced upon the Israelites before his death." (Deuteronomy 33:1)
- 2. "The Lord came from Sinai and dawned upon us from Mount Seir; he shone forth from Mount Paran and came from Meribah-kadesh with flaming fire at his right hand." (Deuteronomy 33:2)
- 3. "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemies before you, saying, 'Destroy them!'" (Deuteronomy 33:27)
- 4. "There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides on the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty." (Deuteronomy 33:26)
- 5. "Blessed are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord? He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword. Your enemies will cower before you, and you will trample down their high places." (Deuteronomy 33:29)

Chapter 33 of the Book of Deuteronomy contains Moses' final blessings upon the tribes of Israel before his death. Here is a reflection on some key themes and lessons from this chapter:

God's Blessing and Presence: Moses begins by acknowledging God's presence and blessing upon the Israelites. He proclaims that God is their refuge, the source of their strength, and the one who dwells among them. This highlights the importance of recognizing God's presence in our lives and the blessings that come from walking in His ways. It prompts us to seek God's presence and to rely on His strength and guidance in all aspects of our lives.

Tribe-Specific Blessings: Moses goes on to pronounce individual blessings upon each of the tribes of Israel, acknowledging their unique characteristics and calling. These blessings speak to

the specific roles and responsibilities of each tribe within the community of Israel. It reminds us of the diversity and individuality within the body of believers, and the value of recognizing and honoring the unique contributions of each member.

The Blessing of the Law: Moses declares that God's law is a precious possession for the Israelites, and it distinguishes them as a wise and understanding people. He emphasizes the significance of following God's commandments and the blessings that come from living in obedience to His law. This highlights the importance of valuing and cherishing God's Word, and the transformative power it has in our lives. It prompts us to seek wisdom and understanding through the study and application of God's Word.

God's Everlasting Love: Moses concludes the blessings by affirming God's everlasting love for the Israelites. He declares that God is the eternal dwelling place of His people and promises to drive out their enemies before them. This reveals God's enduring love and His commitment to protect and provide for His people. It prompts us to trust in God's steadfast love, knowing that He remains faithful to His promises and is our eternal refuge.

Moses, the Servant of God: Throughout the chapter, Moses is portrayed as the faithful servant of God who received the Law and led the Israelites. His role as a mediator between God and the people is highlighted, as he delivers blessings and guidance on behalf of God. This serves as a reminder of the importance of faithful leadership and the impact that a servant of God can have in the lives of others. It prompts us to consider our own roles as servants of God, using our positions and influence to bless and guide others.

In summary, Deuteronomy 33 prompts reflection on the themes of God's blessing and presence, tribe-specific blessings, the value of God's law, His everlasting love, and the role of faithful leadership. These reflections call us to seek God's presence and rely on His strength, to value and honor the uniqueness of each individual in the community of believers, to cherish and obey God's Word, to trust in His everlasting love and protection, and to serve as faithful leaders and servants of God. They remind us of the blessings that come from walking in obedience to God and the impact that faithful leadership can have in the lives of others.