Deuteronomy

Lesson 12 Deuteronomy 33-34

As was common in that day, Moses offers a blessing and prayer for the people as he reached the time of his death. This blessing recalls God's greatness, the love God has for His people, and of Moses' role in leading the people to this point. He then moves on to blessing the tribes of Israel (similar to Jacob in Genesis 49) some receiving specific blessings, while other tribes more general ones. Moses concludes his blessing with a hymn of praise to God and of the victory Israel would see in the LORD alone. After this the book closes with a brief recounting of Moses' death, the period of mourning held by the people, and of Joshua's taking leadership of the people. The final verses of the book summarize Moses' impact on the story of God's work for His people, *"Since that time no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face..."*

Notes

Homework:

Compare the blessings of Jacob in Genesis 49 to the ones of Moses in Deuteronomy 33. Do these blessings give us any insight into the overall history of Israel and God's plan of salvation?

Questions:

1. What do we learn of the role of the Levites in the land from Moses' blessing in Deut. 33:8-11?

2. How can we better learn who our God is from Moses' hymn of praise to God in Deut. 33:26-29?

3. How has studying Deuteronomy helped you to grow in your faith toward God and understanding of Him?