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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

I WILL SERVE YOU BECAUSE I LOVE YOU

*I will serve You (I will serve You)
Because I love You (Because I love You)
You have given life to me*

*I was nothing (I was nothing)
Until You found me (Until You found me)
You have given life to me*

*Heartaches (Heartaches)
Broken people (people)
Ruined lives are why
You died on Calvary*

*Your touch (Your touch)
Is what I long for (Is what I long for)
You have given life to me*

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME – Cheri Keaggy

This is the bread of life broken for you This is My body given for you, This is the cup that holds the blood Of a new covenant. This is forgiveness simple and true This is the way that I have made for you. Before you eat before you drink Take a long look inside, And tell Me what you see. He said do this in remembrance of Me, Do this in remembrance of Me

, This is the cup that holds the wine Of a new covenant. This is the love of Christ poured out anew. This is the Son of God who died for you. Before you eat before you drink. Take a long look inside. And tell Me what you see. Then do this in remembrance of Me. Do this in of Me remembrance

*I will remember the cross That You bore for me
I will remember the crown That You wore for me
I will remember the reason You suffered and died
This is My body given for you, This is the cup that holds the blood Of a new covenant. This is forgiveness simple and true. This is the way that I have made for you. I am the way. This is the way that I have made for you.*

HOLY COMMUNION:

ICo 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;

ICo 11:24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

ICo 11:25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

ICo 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

More than: A Memorial; A Fellowship; A Communion

1 What it shows: As often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death!

2 How it shows it: Emblems of Suffering - Bread, representing the flesh of Christ. The wine, representing the new covenant in His blood, shed for you”!

3 How long to show it: “Till He comes”!

Holy Communion: coming to the table! –

Retrospect – looking back to the cross;

Introspect – looking inward at our sin;

Prospect – looking forward to serving Him until His soon coming!

INTRODUCTION TO CHAPS 33-34: "Chapter 32 ended with a reiteration of God's refusal to allow Moses to enter the Promised Land with the children of Israel.

Chapter 33 begins with Moses blessing the people. And this, among other things, is what qualifies Moses to be called “a man of God,” a phrase seen here in Scripture for the first time. When God denied Moses' requests to accompany the people into the Promised Land, Moses could have said, “If, after forty years, this is the thanks I get; if, after I've given my life for these people and lead them through the wilderness to the best of my ability, I'm disqualified because of one mistake, I'm out of here.” But he didn't. Rather than running away and licking his wounds, Moses blessed the people. Greatness is found in what a man does within the boundaries placed around him. Many people say, “If I can't do this, if I can't be that, I won't do anything.” Not Moses. He shows us the way to greatness, to being a man of God, is not by pulling back, but by being a blessing

Moses was taken by the LORD at the end of his ministry. He didn't die because of physical problems - Deu 34:7 Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.

He may have had some years left from his gene pool?

Age of death of Moses' fathers:

His Father Amram – 137 – Ex. 6:20

Grandfather Kohath – 133 – Ex. 6:18

Great Grandfather Levi – 137 – Ex. 6:16

Great, Great, Grandfather Jacob – 147 – Gen. 47:28

Great, Great, Great, Grandfather Isaac – 180 – Gen. 35:28

Great, Great, Great, Great, Grandfather Abraham – 175 – Gen. 25:7

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Deu 33:1 And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

Deu 33:2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

Deu 33:3 Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words.

Deu 33:4 Moses commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

Deu 33:5 And he was king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people and the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

Deu 33:6 Let Reuben live, and not die; and let not his men be few.

Deu 33:7 And this is the blessing of Judah: and he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou an help to him from his enemies.

Deu 33:8 And of Levi he said, Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah;

Deu 33:9 Who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: for they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant.

Deu 33:10 They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.

Deu 33:11 Bless, LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands: smite through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

Deu 33:12 And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the LORD shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

vs. 1-2 Moses begins his blessing by reminding the people how the Lord came from Mt. Sinai with ten thousand saints, or literally, angels, to give them the Law.

vs. 3-5 The Lord gave the Law to His people for one reason: Because He loved them. As parents, we should be able to understand this. “Put your seatbelts on,” we say to our kids. “Oh, but we just want to move around and do what we want,” they say. “I don’t care. Put them on,” we say. Why? Because we love them. . . *the tribes of Israel were gathered together.* After reflecting on God’s love in entrusting to them His Law, Moses begins to bless the Twelve Tribes.

vs. 6-7 “Lord,” Moses said, “Cause Reuben to prosper. May his tribe increase. Help him when he encounters the enemy.” As the people of Israel marched through the wilderness and, again, as they will march into the Land of Promise, which tribe lead the way? Judah. Judah means “Praise.” We enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise (Psalm 100:4). Praise is always the key. All of these requests for Judah were indeed answered in the Lion of the tribe of Judah, in the Person of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:2).

Vs. 8-9 “I don’t know what to do. I don’t know which way to go,” we are prone to say. Even in these New Testament times, the Urim and the Thummim give us real understanding about finding God’s will and getting His direction, for in whose care were the Urim and the Thummim? They were in the charge of the high priest (Numbers 27:21). “I am the Way,” said Jesus, our great High Priest. He didn’t say, “I’ll tell you the way,” or, “I’ll point you to the way.” He said, “I am the Way” (John 14:6).

vs. 10-11 Those who tried to keep the Levites from their priestly duties were to be smitten

v. 12 The location of the tribe of Benjamin in the southern part of the nation was shaped like two shoulders—between which was the city of Jerusalem. This, then, is the first hint that, as dwelling place of the Lord, Jerusalem would be His Holy City.

v. 2 .ten thousands of saints –

Act 7:38 “This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us, *Gal 3:19* What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.

Heb 2:2-3 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, [3] how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

vs. 8-9 . Let thy Thummim and thy Urim

Exo 28:29-30, - are here regarded as a prerogative of the whole of the tribe of Levi. **Thummim is placed before Urim, to indicate at the outset that Levi had defended the right of the Lord, and that for that very reason the right of the Urim and Thummim had been given to him by the Lord.** “Thy holy one” is not Aaron, but Levi the tribe-father, who represents the whole tribe to which the blessing applies; hence in *Deu_33:9* and *Deu_33:10* the verb passes into the plural. To define more precisely the expression “Thy holy one,” reference is made to the trials at Massah and at the water of strife, on the principle that the Lord humbles His servants before He exalts them, and confirms those that are His by trying and proving them.

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*Deu 33:13 And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,
Deu 33:14 And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon,
Deu 33:15 And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills,
Deu 33:16 And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren.
Deu 33:17 His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.
Deu 33:18 And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out; and, Issachar, in thy tents.
Deu 33:19 They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand.*

*Deu 33:20 And of Gad he said, Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head.
Deu 33:21 And he provided the first part for himself, because there, in a portion of the lawgiver, was he seated; and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the LORD, and his judgments with Israel.*

Deu 33:22 And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bashan.

Deu 33:23 And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the LORD: possess thou the west and the south.

*Deu 33:24 And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil.
Deu 33:25 Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.*

vs.13- 17 “May Joseph have glorious blessings from the land and from the fruit ripened by the sun.”

vs. 18-19 The land of the tribe of Zebulun extends to the coast at Haifa. Interestingly, it is said that after reading of tar in the Old Testament, J. D. Rockefeller chose to construct a massive pipeline from Iraq to Haifa, 1,000 miles away. When his Standard Oil Company struck oil, tankers would pump the oil, “the treasures hid in the sand,” right to the seacoast of Zebulun—just as Moses prophesied.
v. 20 In 1 Chronicles 12:8, the men of Gad are likened unto lions because of their ferocity in battle.

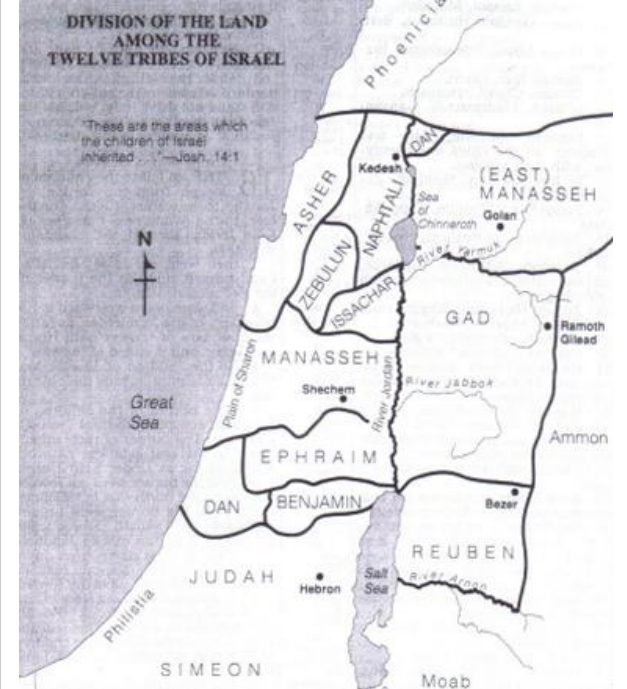
v. 21 Gad got the best piece of property because he was willing to deal with problems. He executed justice. There’s a real lesson in that for us. You see, under the inspiration of God’s Spirit, Moses said that because lion-like Gad was willing to do what was necessary, he would get the best of the land. And the same is true for us. If, for example, as parents we choose to parent our kids rather than to be liked by them, in so doing, we will procure for our families a strong, stable, spiritual place for them to dwell.

v. 22 Whereas Zebulun was a lion, Dan was a cub. Dan found the portion of land he was given too difficult, so he headed north, and inadvertently ended up in the worst place he could have chosen, in the place where all the invading armies came through and where paganism took root.

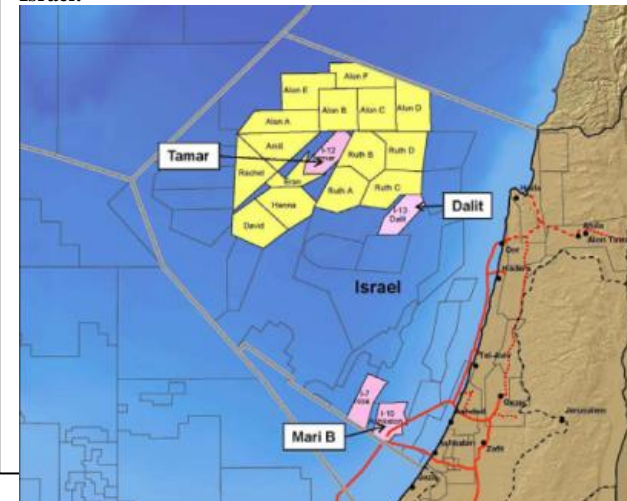
v. 23 The Hebrew term “satisfied with favor” means “content.” Naphtali was a tribe that was content—which is also the kind of tribe we are to be.

vs. 24-25 The land given to Asher was shaped like a leg, with the “toe” located near Zebulun at Mt. Carmel. Although the reference to oil could very well be that of olive oil, due to the phrase “let him dip his foot in oil,” this area is being explored as a potential oil field.

The allotment to the 12 tribes; some time after Moses!



v. 24 Recent Oil & Gas Field Discovered Off the Coast of Israel:



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Deu 33:26 There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

Deu 33:27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

Deu 33:28 Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

Deu 33:29 Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.
terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 34 – Moses Views the Land;

Deu 34:1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho.

And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, Deu 34:2 all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea,

Deu 34:3 the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

Deu 34:4 Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."

v. 26 Having finished the pronouncement of blessing upon the congregation of Israel, this great man of God reminds them again who their God is. If the sun, moon, and stars are the work of God’s fingers (Psalm 8:3), what must be the power of His everlasting arms? Every time. Moses is hoping the children of Israel will come to understand the same thing—that their Father has strong arms and that He will never let them fall.

v. 27 The eternal God - אֱלֹהֵי קֵדֶם elohey kedem, the former God; He who was of old. Not like the gods which were lately come up. **He who ever was and ever will be; and He who was, is, and will be unchangeably holy, wise, just, and merciful.** ..underneath are the everlasting arms – no matter how far down we fall, underneath are His everlasting arms!!!

v. 27-29 So the blessings now, of course after the song of Moses, which was heavy duty. He leaves them with the blessings, and beautiful blessings, indeed. You will be victorious,” Moses said to the people, “because of the strength of your God.” What beautiful promises!!

vs. 1-5 Although Moses couldn’t go into the Land, God gave Moses a supernatural sneak preview—to be added to centuries later when he would view it from atop the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17). God never says no to any of His children, unless He is going give something greater, later on!

A beautiful picture- wouldn’t that be a great picture for an artist to paint? – Moses to climb up the 4500 foot mountain; having eyes to see the whole land of Israel! Notice how the LORD showed Moses the future location of the tribe allotments! Oh how He loved Moses to bless him, giving him the supernatural ability to see the whole land – to gaze on it for as long as he wanted to see it! At least until the Lord takes him home. Mat 25:23 *His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'*

Heb 3:5 *And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, 3 separate 40 yr. segments. -to be somebody; to be a nobody; then God in last 40 yrs. made a somebody out of nobody.*

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Death of Moses:

Deu 34:5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

Deu 34:6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day.

Deu 34:7 Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.

Deu 34:8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended.

Joshua Succeeds Moses:

Deu 34:9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Moses Exalted

Deu 34:10 But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

Deu 34:11 in all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land,

Deu 34:12 and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

v. 6 Jude 9 tells us that when Moses was buried, the devil fought for his body. *Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"* Why would the devil want the body of Moses? I believe it's because Moses will be one of the two witnesses of Revelation 11, calling down fire, preaching the truth, telling people about antichrist, sharing the gospel.

vs. 7-9 That we know the events regarding the death of Moses means Moses was writing his own obituary. Some believe Joshua wrote this section. But I believe it was, in fact, Moses.

vs. 10-12 Stuck in prison, John sent messengers to ask Jesus if He was indeed the Messiah. If not, he would look for another. Jesus' answer to the messengers was for them to tell John how He had healed the blind, made the lame to walk, cleansed the leper, raised the dead. Certainly Moses would be able to understand. Faithful for forty years, his obedience had faltered at a moment of frustration. Yet Moses knew the end of his story. John didn't. You see, right after his messengers left, Jesus called John the greatest man ever born (Matthew 11:11). But, unlike Moses, John never heard this. So if you feel like a failure, like you've let the Lord down once too often, like He will never again be able to use you, remember that He sees you as perfect, robed in the righteousness of His Son (Isaiah 61:10). That makes we who are “least in the kingdom” greater even than John the Baptist (Matthew 11:11). Messengers may not tell you this, your prison walls may not confirm it, failure at Meribah may say otherwise—but you, dear saint are God's prize and His inheritance. And, as seen in the lives of Moses and John the Baptist, those God uses to the greatest degree are often the very ones who question their own effectiveness.



SUMMARY:

The Theme of Deuteronomy has been obedience and God's love for us!

Difference between the 2 covenants: OT= “Do, do, do” NT = “Done, done, done”! We obey as a response to what Christ has already done for us! We will always have infinitely more to respond to that we can respond! Live a life of simple obedience is the best way to show our love to Christ for what He has already done for us!

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