

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship | Psalm 90

Pastor: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Pastor: You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

People: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

Pastor: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

People: Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

Pastor: Satisfy us with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

People: Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Pastor: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 30 | Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

God's Covenant Faithfulness | Hebrews 3:1-19

Confessing Our Faith | The Nicene Creed (*TH*, 846)

Prayer for Global Missions

OPC Mission Work | Uganda

Country of the World | Chili

Tithes and Offerings [Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC]

Hymn 366 | My People, Give Ear, Attend to My Word (vv. 1, 2, 3, 7)

Prayer of Dedication

Preaching of the Word

Sermon Text | Deuteronomy 32:48-34:12

Sermon Title | Covenantal Cliffhanger

*Hymn 616 | Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

*Benediction

*Hymn 735 | Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

COVENANTAL CLIFFHANGER

Deuteronomy 32:48-34:12

I. Israel's blessedness in Canaan is beyond doubt as they look to the favor of their matchless God (33:1-29).

A. As they recall the righteous acts of their God in the past (33:2-5).

B. As they lean upon their immortal God (33:6-29).

II. Israel's blessedness in Canaan is in doubt as they look to the funeral of their matchless mediator (32:48-52; 34:1-12).

A. As they recall the unrighteous acts of their mediator in the past (32:48-52).

B. As they lament over their mortal mediator (34:1-12).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is a cliffhanger, and what kind of emotional response is it intended to produce in us? Does God use cliffhangers in the Bible? Does He in Deuteronomy?
2. Who blessed the twelve tribes of Israel on his deathbed before Moses (see Gen. 49-50)? What does this parallel teach us?
3. As Moses blesses Israel in chapter 33, is He petitioning God for blessing or is He authoritatively pronouncing God's blessing upon the people? What about when the pastor gives God's blessing at the end of the service?
4. Is Moses confident that God will bring Israel into the land of Canaan and bless them there?
5. Read Deuteronomy 33:26-29. What does Moses tell us about God here?
6. What is the blessing set forth in chapter 33 sandwiched between? Why is this important to see? And how does this result in the audience being "left hanging" as Deuteronomy comes to an end? What is God's purpose in doing this?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Is my familiarity with the biblical story keeping me from being aroused by the in-built suspense and anticipation that marks the entire Old Testament?
2. Meditate on Deuteronomy 33:29 (perhaps even memorize it). Is my life characterized by the joy that ought to accompany one who has God as their Savior and Warrior?
3. Why ought the funeral of Moses to drive me to Christ?

Lord's Day Worship

CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone."

— Ephesians 2:20

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