

**SOUTH GROVE FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LONDON**

**Prayer meeting/Bible study**

**Date 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Ps/Hymns 20, Read Deuteronomy 33:26-29 Text Deuteronomy 33:26**

**Series – The Doctrine of God series Title The Incomparability Of God**

Deuteronomy chapter 33 contains the last words spoken by Moses the man of God when he blessed the children of Israel before his death.

Moses's last words to God's people comprise a song, that commenced in the opening words of **ch 32** and then continued into **ch 33**.

In his song Moses delivers a blessing to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Then he concludes his song by focusing the minds of the congregation upon their God; and upon what it is to have the one true and living God as their saving trust and delight.

In reality, Moses could sing this song and write these words based upon his own personal relationship with God, the experience of His glorious person, and His wondrous grace.

You see, it is only the person who has experienced God's salvation in their soul and life as Moses, that are able to speak of God as Moses did in these verses.

Nearing the end of his life, Moses desired that his closing words would focus on his God.

This is the aim for the child of God, that in departing words, weather when it comes to your own death or the death of another, let your parting words, focus hearts upon our God.

In essence Moses shows the Lord's people that the true and living God they serve, none compares to Him.

He wanted the tribes of Israel to see they were so favoured having the true God to be their God.

As they would take their journey into the promised land without Moses to lead them, they would do so with the thoughts as **verse 26** states "***There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun.***"

In other words, Moses presents a number of great truths about the only true and living God in these verses, he starts with the truth that **GOD IS INCOMPARABLE.**

This statement of the incomparability of God, is revealed frequently in Scripture.

Such as **Hannah** in **1 Sam 2:2** "***There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.***"

**David** in **2 Samuel 7:22** "***Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.***"

**Solomon** in **1 Kings 8:23** "***And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart.***"

There are many more, verses, but what is interesting, in the verses we have just pointed out.

In these examples, Hannah, David and Solomon **include** this truth of God's incomparability into their prayer life.

We must know this great fact of God's incomparability and meditate on it, in order to draw out its spiritual profit for our souls.

May these truths make up our prayer life privately and publicly, and fills our hearts our God is Incomparable.

**I FIRST, GOD'S INCOMPARABILITY IS A REVEALED TRUTH.**

We know that God is incomparable because He has revealed this truth of Himself by His word.

**All we know about God is what He has revealed of Himself in His word.**

God wants His creation to know there is "***There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun.***" We have already considered some of these thoughts regarding how God has revealed Himself.

Just to refresh our minds, God has revealed Himself in **Creation or Natural Revelation**, as **Psalm 19:1** states "***the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth His handywork.***"

But since man has fallen into sin, he cannot understand the Book of Nature as seen in Creation, he looks at creation, and fails to see God's creative power.

Therefore, God has given **Special Revelation**, redemptive truth.

By the scriptures God has revealed Himself through Christ as the one who leads fallen man out of the darkness caused by sin and brings him into gospel truth.

(**Gen 1:1** "***In the beginning God.***" This opening statement of Scripture reveals that God has always existed. He is uncreated and without beginning.

The rest of Scripture proceeds to enlarge on this opening statement, giving a special and saving revelation of God, that

includes all we will consider in coming weeks and today upon this truth of God's incomparability.)

Therefore, by the scriptures of truth, God has revealed Himself and there is none to be compared with Him.

The psalmist makes God incomparability clear when he says in **Ps 136:2-3**, "**...the God of gods: and <sup>3</sup> the Lord of lords....**" All other gods are nothing compared to Him.

He is not one of many, He alone is the true and living God. He alone is to be worshipped.

Man was created to worship God, however, man has fallen into sin, and is blinded by the god of this world as to which God to worship and in what way He is to be worshipped.

Man still desires to worship, and that desire is exercised by devoting all his attention on some object of worship, an image, and invention of the mind that he gives a name to.

However, to worship another god, is breaking God's law and to attack the Incomparableness of God, because to worship another is to say God is the same as, or one of many gods.

Notice, **Ex 20:2** through to the first line of **verse 5** "**Thou shalt have no other gods before me.<sup>4</sup> Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them...**"

However, all these gods, images, idols that men worship are incomparable to the true and living God.

Moses made this point as He speaks to the LORD, of His incomparability in contrast with other gods.

Notice, Moses song in **Ex 15:11** “Who is like unto thee, O **LORD**, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? as **Ex 15:1** states these words are a song of Moses, so Moses again sings of God’s incomparableness.

He makes mention of deliverance from the Egyptians. The Egyptians were worshippers of many gods, even today in history we learn about the gods they worshipped.

(Remember Elijah’s challenge to the prophets of Baal upon Mount Carmel in **1 Kings 18**, “*call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the **LORD**: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God.*”

In **verse 26** they “*called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. **Verse 29** “...that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.*” The word **regarded** means **attention**, Baal did not pay attention, because he was a vain imagination.

We see the incomparability of God, He answered by fire. There is none like unto Him. He alone hears and answers prayer. )

When Paul arrived at Athens in Greece, **Acts 17:16** – Paul “... **saw the city wholly given to idolatry** (*full of idols*).” The people of Athens were in ignorance of the true God but nonetheless engaged in worship, having many gods.

In fact, encase they missed one god, **verse 22** there was an altar with **this inscription to the unknown God.**” It was this phrase, Paul took opportunity to teach the Athens about God’s incomparability from **verses 24-32**.

He was the unknown God to them. However, **verse 34** confirms ***certain men... believed and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.***

Paul did not invent any material, he didn't create his own god, but could preach God's incomparableness, because God had revealed this truth of Himself, to Paul.

As we are edified by the word of God built up in our most holy faith, and sinners are saved, it is because there is none like unto our God.

None other can save, strengthen and sustain sinners. He is all sufficient to meet the needs of His redeemed.

### **I FIRST GOD'S INCOMPARABILITY IS A REVEALED TRUTH**

### **II SECOND, GOD'S INCOMPARABILITY IS A REDEMPTIVE TRUTH.**

Moses states in **verse 26** "***There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun.***"

The name ***Jeshurun***, is used three times in **Deuteronomy, chapter 32:25, 33:3 and in our verse today.** It means ***upright.*** It is a poetical name for Israel, signifying the favour and delight of God in His people.

It is the name that signifies God's chosen and redeemed people from Egypt by faith in the blood of the lamb.

The name is used one other time in reference to redemption, in the familiar words of **Isaiah 44:1-2;** "***yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: <sup>2</sup> Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.***

In speaking of Jacob, but in its wider application to God's people. God demonstrates His incomparability because only He can redeem, only He can deliver sinners from their sin.

Isaiah preached God's incomparability in **Isa 45:20-22**. He speaks at the end of **verse 20** ***“they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. <sup>21</sup> Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.”***

Upon this truth that none can compare to God, He commands sinners from every part of the earth ***<sup>22</sup> Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.***

He declares His incomparability on the basis None other can forgive sin or free sinners held in bondage.

Child of God, you are assured this day, due to the incomparableness of God, all your sins have been blotted out by God by Faith on Christ, you are blessed by God with all spiritual blessings in Christ.

In the redemption of fallen sinners, ***There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun.***

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**III THIRD, GOD'S INCOMPARABILITY IS A REASSURING TRUTH**

Note the last words of our text – “...***who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.***”

Moses reminds Israel that God’s incomparability is recognised by means of His sovereign authority and power as exercised on behalf of His people.

By the exercise of His power in heaven He operates sovereignly, and perfectly in the affairs of things on the earth for the good of His people and the furtherance of His cause.

The word **help** implies **a time of need**. He comes to assist, to help His people in their deepest need.

The heaven and the sky are His, and so upon the eternal heavens God rides to meet the need of His people.

This is what Samuel meant, when after Israel defeated the Philistines, in **1 Samuel 7:13** “***hitherto hath the LORD helped us.***”

The word **helped** is means **to succour, come to the aid of**. The word **hitherto**, signifies, **all times**.

In the past, present and future, God’s people can proclaim, the Lord will help us. There is never a time when the Lord will not come to our aid.

I don’t know what testing time you are experiencing within the home, work, community, health, your own personal battles, but rest assured, God rides upon the heavens for the help and benefit of His people.

There is nothing to hard or to troublesome for Him to do for His Jeshurun, his redeemed people.

What a reassuring truth in time of trouble and uncertainty.

God comes to our aid; He is a present help in trouble, our God ***rideth upon the heaven in thy help.***”



***God's people are supplied from a fountain that never dries up, and around that fountain there shall always be an abundance of good things provided for their necessities.***

When it comes to the care of God's people in their daily needs, none can compare to Him. He has charged Himself with the care of His people.

Moses reassures the children of Israel, God will lead them on, He will go before them. He leads them all the way.

You see Moses can only go so far, his time upon earth is limited, however God is incomparable, He is eternal, unlimited, unchanging nothing can hinder God.

Therefore, do not put your trust in man or depend upon men in any position, but rest upon your God alone, for none other can compare to Him.

Child of God we look forward to the Physical and visible return of Christ to earth, when the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints to rule and reign with Him.

Rest assured on the day of Christ's glorious Return, all will know and confess the incomparableness of God, there is none like unto Him.

**Rev 19:6 "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Rev 19:16 "And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."**

Believer our God is incomparable for "***There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun.***"