

# Deuteronomy 32:1-6, 34-43

## LORD, give us a song!



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

### The text – Deuteronomy 32:1-6, 34-43

1. Deuteronomy 32 contains the Song of Moses to Israel not long before Moses is to die. These words are among the last words of Moses. Why does Moses call on the heavens and the earth to listen to what he sings (32:1)?
2. There are some harsh words in this song. But what are the words of this song to be like according to 32:2? How can harsh words be like this?
3. Throughout the song, the LORD is compared to many things, including a Rock. As Israel's Rock, what is God like according to 32:4 and 18?
4. Much of this song reflects on Israel's failure to love and trust the LORD. But the song ends with hope. What is Israel's hope according to 32:36 and 32:39?
5. The LORD is not only God of Israel but also God of all the nations. Why should the nations rejoice according to 32:43?

### The Scriptures – Deuteronomy 32:1-6, 34-43

6. The apostle Paul is thinking about this song when he writes the words of Philippians 2:14-16. He draws directly on the language of 32:5 for example. What is the main point Paul is making to the church in Philippi in 2:14-16?
7. We have new songs in New Testament Scripture which celebrate God's victory over evil through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Read for example the words of Revelation 5:6-10 or Revelation 15:2-4. How do these songs compare with the song of Deuteronomy 32? What are they about?

### Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Deuteronomy 32:1-6, 34-43 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. What are you celebrating in your life at the moment? What are you lamenting or grieving over? Discuss what is happening in your life as you seek to love God.
9. How can we pray that you will persevere in the hope of the gospel?