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# IS HE NOT YOUR FATHER, YOUR CREATOR?

## Deuteronomy 32.1-18; John 1.1-13

*Is this the way you repay the LORD,*
*O foolish and unwise people?*
***Is he not your Father, your Creator,***
***who made you and formed you?"*** Deuteronomy 32.1-9

Throughout the Bible, and in particular the book of Deuteronomy, God uses the land as a tool to teach. Deuteronomy is actually a book with significant emphasis upon agriculture. Deuteronomy is also the most quoted of all the books of the Bible, and therefore, the Bible is a book about agriculture.

In the Song of Moses in Deuteronomy 32, Moses is giving words of instruction and warning to the second generation of Israelites as they are about to enter "the land flowing with milk and honey" (31.20). What does Moses' poem to Israel teach them/us? (Deuteronomy 31.19-22, 30)

### IN THE DESERT LAND HE FOUND THEM, 32.10-13

*"In a desert land he found him, in **a barren and howling waste**.*
*He shielded him and cared for him; **he guarded him as the apple of his eye**."* 32.10

*"Then, as the LORD our God commanded us, we set out from Horeb and went toward the hill country of the Amorites through all **that vast and dreadful desert** that you have seen, and so we reached Kadesh Barnea."* Deuteronomy 1.19

*"Rebuke your mother, rebuke her, for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband.*
*Let her remove the adulterous look from her face and the unfaithfulness from between her breasts.*
*"Otherwise I will strip her naked and make her as bare as on the day she was born;*
***I will make her like a desert, turn her into a parched land, and slay her with thirst."***
Hosea 2.2-3

*"They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated – the world was not worthy of them. **They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground."*** Hebrews 11.32-37

### HE MADE THEM RIDE ON THE HEIGHTS OF THE LAND, 32.13-14

*"He made him ride on the heights of the land and fed him with the fruit of the fields.*
*He nourished him with honey from the rock, and with oil from the flinty crag."* 32.13

### THEY FORGOT THE GOD WHO GAVE THEM BIRTH, 32.15-18

***"You deserted the Rock, who fathered you; you forgot the God who gave you birth**."*

**Jeremiah 17.5-8**

### HE IS OUR CREATOR, HE IS OUR FATHER!

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.*

***Through him all things were made**; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

*He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, **he gave the right to become children of God** –children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."* John 1.1-3, 10-13

***"Remember Jesus Christ**, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory."* 1 Timothy 2.8-10