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The nature of God Pt 3 God is the Rock, His work is perfect and His ways are judgment.

In our previous studies on this topic we learnt that God is present in three persons – Father, the Word (the Son), and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one, God is love, and love according to God is sacrificial, and to access His love you must be in Christ. In this study we will consider Deut. 32: 4 and establish that God is the Rock, His work is perfect and His ways are judgment.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. God is the Rock.

“He is the Rock” (Deut.32: 4).

In one sense a rock is solid, and a dependable fortress, and in the scriptures believers attest to God being a person’s rock and fortress (see Ps.18: 2). But in the context of our passage the word “rock” has a capital letter indicating a reference to the divine, to spiritual things. Another use of the word “rock” with a capital letter outside of Deut.32 is where Paul referenced Israel’s time in the wilderness and says, Israel “were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea” (1Cor.10: 2), “And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock...and that Rock was Christ” (1Cor 10:4). Another confirmation that Christ is God, the Rock.

2. The work that God does is perfect.

“He is the Rock, his work is perfect” (Deut.32: 4).

God does not have to do what man is required to do and “prove his own work”, for all “his work is perfect”. When He created the heavens and the earth, “God saw everything that he made, and behold, it was very good” (Gen.1: 31). So when God promises to do something it is PERFECT!

3. God’s ways are judgment.

“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment” (Deut.32: 4).

C.p.: “Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase” (Dan.4: 37).

And in the context of our verse in Deut.32 we see that for God’s ways to be judgment His nature must consist of truth, without iniquity, and be just and right. Isaiah says “he shall bring forth judgment unto truth” (Is.42: 3 see also Rom.2: 2). Judgment without truth is not God’s judgment.

Additional comments on our three points.

When God judges, His judgment is **perfect**. When God saves believers He will give them **perfect** spiritual bodies at the resurrection. God also promised to preserve His words, and has done so **perfectly** in the 1611KJV.

Applying the teaching to our life today.

Kathy Shelton tweets: “I may be Hillary Clinton’s 1st female victim. She ruined my life; defended my rapist & blamed me. I was 12 yrs old. Then she laughed at me.”

Question to think about.

When a child is violated and the perpetrator goes free where is God’s justice?

My answer to our question from the scriptures.

The Bible says that God’s “ways are judgment”, “justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne, mercy and truth shall go before thy face” (Ps.89: 14). And God will set their deeds in front of their eyes (Ps.50: 21) at the judgment (Heb.9: 27). For the victim let us pray for those who see no justice in the worldly legal system, that God would enable them to know His grace and love in Christ. And be assured that God, who is the Rock, His work is perfect, His ways are judgment, **will** judge such perpetrators and those that defend them with Godly justice, because that is His nature.