

Refrain:

All **The word is very near to you;**

it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

1 Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; □

and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

2 May my teaching drop as the rain,

my speech distil as the dew, □

as the gentle rain on the grass,

and as the showers upon the meadow.

3 For I will proclaim the name of the Lord. □

Ascribe greatness to our God!

4 The Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are just: □

a faithful God without deceit, just and upright is he.

5 His degenerate children have dealt corruptly with him; □

a perverse and crooked generation.

6 Do you thus repay the Lord, you foolish and senseless people? □

Is not he your father, who created you,

who made you and established you?

7 Remember the days of old, consider the years long past; □

ask your father, and he will show you;

your elders, and they will tell you.

8 When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance,

when he divided the children of earth, □

he fixed the bounds of the peoples

according to the number of the children of God.

9 For the Lord's own portion is his people, □

Jacob his allotted heritage.

10 He sustained him in a desert land,

in the howling waste of the wilderness; □

he shielded him and cared for him;

he kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 As an eagle stirs up its nest, and hovers over its young, □

spreading out its wings, takes them,

and bears them aloft on its pinions,

12 So the Lord alone did guide him, □

and no foreign god was with him.

Deuteronomy 32.1-12

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now

and shall be for ever. Amen.

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