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God's care for His people

Deuteronomy 32

God uses three comparisons in this song of Moses to describe His care:

1. He is the Rock, His work is perfect (v. 4). When one thinks of this term, one automatically thinks of a solid foundation, which is not shaken even by the impermanence and weakness of man. God, the eternal Rock, remains faithful (cf. Ps. 18:2; 94:22; 1 Cor. 10:4).
 2. He is our Father (v. 6). Although the eternal God is only revealed in the New Testament through Christ as the Father of the eternal Son (John 14:9; 20:17), even in the Old Testament He compares His dealings with His people to those of a loving Father. After all, He is the Originator and Caretaker of the nation (Deut. 1:31; Ps. 103:13; Isa. 63:16; 64:8).
 3. He is like a strong eagle (vv. 11-12). In the Bible, this majestic bird represents strength and power and loving care for its young (Ps. 103:5; Isa. 40:31). God compares His commitment to His people and His strength to carry them to the powerful wings of the eagle (Ex. 19:4).
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