

4 Special Blessings in the Revelation
(Revelation 1:1-9)

Introduction:

1. The book of Revelation is a challenging book, however, we know that:
 - a. John was the inspired writer (vs.4)
 - b. John wrote this book to the 7 churches in Asia (vs.4, 11b)
 - c. John and his fellow Christians were facing tribulation (1:9).
2. This letter was written to encourage Christians to be faithful while looking forward to the Lord's return.
3. In the end, God's people will win the final victory.
4. For a practical matter, when studying a challenging book or passage [like the Revelation], we should first concentrate on something that can be more easily understood.
5. As we examine Revelation in a general way, we see that much is said about a variety of "blessings."
6. In our lesson we are examining 4 of these blessings -- being familiar with them will encourage us and help us to remain faithful to the Lord.

Discussion:

- I. (Revelation 1:3) THOSE WHO READ, HEAR, AND KEEP THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY ARE BLESSED
 - A. We must understand what this message is -- *"the Revelation of Christ"* (vs.1).
 1. God gave it to Christ.
 2. The Lord signified it by His angel to John.
 3. John wrote it down.
 - B. We must listen carefully to this message (ch.2-3: *"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches"*).
 - C. We must follow the instructions that are given (Revelation 22:7, 14).
 - D. We must heed the warnings given in Revelation 22:18-19.
- II. (Revelation 16:15) THOSE WHO WATCH AND KEEP THEIR GARMENTS ARE BLESSED
 - A. In keeping our garments we must first have them washed white in the Lord's blood (7:13-14).
 - B. After having our garments cleansed, we must not allow them to become *"defiled"* (3:4).
- III. (Revelation 19:7-9) THOSE WHO ARE CALLED TO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB ARE BLESSED
 - A. We know who the Lamb is -- Christ.
 - B. John showed when this marriage will take place (Revelation 21:2, 9-10).
- IV. (Revelation 14:13) THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD WILL BE BLESSED
 - A. The Bible explains how we get into the Lord in:
 1. Romans 6:3-4
 2. Galatians 3:26-27.
 - B. After getting into the Lord we are to abide in Him (John 15:4-7).
 - C. Those who remain in the Lord and die in the Lord will receive a crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

Conclusion:

1. We have looked at "4 special blessings in the Revelation."
 - a. Those who read, hear, and keep the words of this great book are blessed.
 - b. Those who watch and keep their garments are blessed.
 - c. Those who are called to the Lamb's marriage supper are blessed.
 - d. Those who die in the Lord will be blessed.
2. Are you among these people who are "blessed?"