

Blessed Be God
(Revelation 4)

Introduction:

1. In the Revelation, John wrote down many special things that he heard and saw.
2. In ch.4, a portion of John's vision is recorded.
 - a. John saw God on His throne, and it was a magnificent sight.
 - b. John also saw 24 elders and 4 beasts.
 - c. These elders and beasts were different in their appearance, but they had something in common -- they all blessed God.
 - 1) The beasts blessed God (vs.8).
 - 2) The elders blessed God (vs.9-11).
3. This morning we are basing our lesson on 3 passages that have something in common -- they all contain the expression "*Blessed be God.*"
4. Our study is designed to help us understand why God deserves to be blessed.

Discussion:

- I. OUR FIRST PASSAGE IS 1 PETER 1:3-4
 - A. According to vs.1-2, Peter wrote this letter to Christians.
 - B. Peter stated that God is blessed for begetting Christians again "*unto a lively hope.*"
 - C. Later in this chapter, Peter revealed:
 1. the price that was paid for our redemption (vs.18-19)
 2. the process whereby our souls are purified (vs.22-23; John 3:5; Titus 3:3-7).
 - D. When God begets us again we gain a special inheritance (vs.4).
 - E. God deserves to be blessed because He has demonstrated His "*abundant mercy*" as He has (Psalm 136:1).
- II. OUR SECOND PASSAGE IS EPHESIANS 1:3
 - A. According to vs.1-2, Paul wrote this letter to Christians.
 - B. Paul stated that God is blessed for blessing Christians with "*all spiritual blessings.*"
 - C. Later in ch.2, Paul revealed:
 1. the condition of those who have not been begotten again (vs.12)
 2. the price that was paid so we can draw near to God (vs.13).
 - D. Several spiritual blessings are mentioned in ch.1, including:
 1. being chosen (vs.4)
 2. being adopted (vs.5)
 3. being accepted (vs.6)
 4. redemption and forgiveness (vs.7)
 5. obtaining an inheritance (vs.11).
 - E. God deserves to be blessed because He has blessed His children with "*all spiritual blessings.*"
- III. OUR THIRD PASSAGE IS 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4
 - A. According to vs.1-2, Paul wrote this letter to Christians.
 - B. Later in 5:17, Paul showed how we become new creatures when we get into Christ (Galatians 3:27).
 - C. God deserves to be blessed because of:
 1. who He is (vs.3) -- "*the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort*"
 2. what He does (vs.4) -- He blesses His children with "comfort" (Psalm 23:4).
 - D. God's children are not immune to losses and periods of sadness (11:24-28).
 - E. God deserves to be blessed because He provides comfort to His children.

Conclusion:

1. John was able to see and hear the 24 elders and the 4 beasts bless God.
2. We have shown from the Scriptures that God deserves to be blessed.
3. Let us adopt David's philosophy he expressed in Psalm 34:1.