

Blessings in the Revelation

Introduction:

1. In His Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), Jesus showed how certain people are "*blessed.*"
2. Similar statements are found throughout the Bible, including the Revelation.
3. In our lesson we are examining several of the special blessings that John recorded in his book.

Discussion:

- I. THOSE WHO REACT PROPERLY TO THE MESSAGE IN THE REVELATION ARE "*BLESSED*"
 - A. (Revelation 1:3) A blessing is pronounced upon "*he*" who reads this message and "*they*" who hear this message and keep the things written in it.
 1. This message is identified in vs.1-2.
 - a. It is "*the Revelation of Jesus Christ.*"
 - b. God gave it to Christ, and the Lord's angel "*signified*" it to John who recorded it.
 2. John sent this message to the 7 churches in Asia (vs.4, 11).
 3. We must hear this message (ch.2-3), and we must not alter it (22:18-19).
 - B. To react properly to the Revelation, we must:
 1. "keep" the sayings in it (22:7)
 2. obey the Lord's commands (22:14).
- II. (Revelation 16:15) THOSE WHO WATCH AND KEEP THEIR GARMENTS ARE "*BLESSED*"
 - A. The first step in keeping our garments is having them cleansed by the Lord's blood (7:13-14).
 - B. After having our garments cleansed, we must not allow them to become defiled (3:4).
 - C. Jesus emphasized watching for His return in Matthew 24:42; 25:13.
- III. (Revelation 14:13) THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD ARE "*BLESSED*"
 - A. The way we get into the Lord is explained in:
 1. Romans 6:3-4
 2. Galatians 3:26-27.
 - B. After getting into the Lord we must abide in Him (John 15: 4, 7).
 - C. Those who serve the Lord faithfully throughout their lives will receive "*a crown of life*" (Revelation 2:10).
 - D. Heaven is described in Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27; 22:1-5.