

EPHESIANS | "BLESSED BE THE GOD" | LESSON 4 | EPH. 1:3-6

① INTRO/REVIEW:

- ① Common introduction
- ② Meat (grace & peace) for all, specially the faithful in Christ Jesus
 - ① In Christ
 - ② Walk after the Spirit
 - Ⓐ Learn
 - Ⓑ Live

② REVIEW:

- ① Blessed be the God
- ② Blessings

③ SERMONS:

[1] - "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:"

① "Blessed be the God"

- Define - "blessed" = enjoying spiritual happiness; enjoying heavenly felicity
↳ holy, worthy to be revered, adorable

Holy

• Ps 89:6

• ISA 46:5,9

• Job 26:14 - ^{we} know a little

Creator

• Psa 30:4

• ISA 40:12,17 - nations as nothing

• Acts 17:28 - in Him we live

• Ps 8:3 - fingers

• It is said of God, "that He humbleth Himself when He beholds things in heaven"

How much more then when he openeth his eyes upon man

• Ps 8:4ff

• MATT. 5:43-48

• He is love → He is light → God of hope, consolation, love, peace

• In Ephesians

• :17 - "the Father of glory"; Eph. 4:6

↳ Rom. 16:26 - "the only wise God"

• This glory that is begotten from His essence, His character, and His will, and His power.

• Paul's focus is "the God"

• Rev. 15:4

• Jer. 10:7

• He vs
greatness

• greatness should beget fear & reverence

• God has a desire to be our God

• Does not take pleasure in the death of the wicked

• Having us become His children is part of the good pleasure of His will (:5)
• 2 Cor. 6:16-18

• "Blessed" is only used to refer to God

① Mat. 14:61 - "the Son of the Blessed"

② Luk. 1:68 - "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel"

③ Rom. 1:25 - "creator"

④ Rom. 9:5 - Christ

⑤ 2 Cor. 1:3 - mercies, comfort

⑥ 2 Cor. 11:31 - forevermore

• The outcome of all that God has counseled is that He would be "all in all"
• 1 Cor 15: 24-28 - Through, by, in Christ

• All about that which is "of, through, to" Him

① God is mentioned 30x's in ch 1 (Christ 23x, Spirit 2x, us 3ff 24x)

② His counsel

ⓐ blessed us (:3)

ⓑ chosen us (:4)

ⓒ predestinated us (:5)

ⓓ made us accepted (:6)

} look at chart

Summary: Blessed be the God → His greatness

↳ A few specific things

- ① Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
- ② Who hath blessed us

→ ① Father (Jn. 1:14, 18) 14:7, 10-12, 20, 28, 31

• Matt. 11:27 (Matt. 12:50)

• Jn. 5:20, 23, 30, 1

• Jn. 10:30, 38

• Jn. 17:5, ②

28:17

② Who hath blessed us

• Beyond sun & rain (Matt. 5)

• "spiritual blessings"

• greater in quality - spiritual that which inherits kingdom

• greater in measure - more than any earthly riches (Pro. 3)

• greater in possession - abide