

## The God of All Comfort

Scripture Reading: II Corinthians 1:1-10

**“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;” – II Corinthians 1:3**

Part of “blessing God” (Psalm 103) is acknowledging and thanking God for who He is and what He does. This should be done privately, in the heart, and publicly, from the heart, through worship and testimony. Let’s look for ways to bless God in II Corinthians 1:3-10.

### **Bless God**

He is our dwelling place – a safe and good place for our souls to be occupied (Acts 17:28; Psalm 90:1; 73:23-28; 97:12. He also makes us His dwelling place – John 14:23; I John 4:15-16).

### **Bless the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ – He provides peace.**

- “...*The Father sent **the Son** to be the Savior of the World.*” (I John 4:14 cp. Romans 5:1)
- “...*It pleased the Father that in **Him** should all fullness dwell... you are complete in Him*” (Colossians 1:19 cp.2:6-10; II Corinthians 5:17)
- “...*And, having made peace through the blood of **His** cross, by **Him** to reconcile all things unto himself...*” (Colossians 1:20. See Colossians 1:20-22; Ephesians 1:3; Romans 8:28)

### **Bless the Father of mercies – He provides stability in life.**

- “...*His mercy (Steadfast love) endures forever.*” (Psalm 118:1-6 cp. Psalm 89:1-2; 136)
- “...*The LORD’s mercies (steadfast love)... are new every morning...*” (Lamentations 3:22-23)
- “...*The earth, O LORD, is full of your mercy (steadfast love / goodness)...*” (Psalm 119:64)

### **Bless the God of all comfort – He provides help, compensation, and hope.**

- God’s Word – “...*That we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*” (Romans 15:4)

- God's Spirit – *"The Spirit also helps our infirmities... And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."* (Romans 8:26-28. See Romans 8:26-39; Ephesians 3:14-19)
- God's People – *"Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another..."* (Romans 15:5 – NKJV cp. II Corinthians 1:4-7; Philippians 2:1-4)
- God's Promised Future – *"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."* (Revelation 21:4. See Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:33; Jeremiah 29:11)

So, in a world full of sin and strife, we can have love, stability, help, comfort, and hope. See Psalm 31:19-24; Philippians 4:4-19. His blessings are perfect and pure, enduring forever (Proverbs 10:22). The God of all comfort has delivered us from the power of sin, the fallen world and our enemy, Satan. He is the God of our salvation – the God of our deliverance (Psalm 18:1-3, 46; I Thessalonians 5:23-24; II Timothy 4:18; II Corinthians 1:10).

## **Now, let's consider II Corinthians 1:10**

**"Who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us." – II Corinthians 1:10** (See Psalm 56:13; 116:1-9; Philippians 1:6)

## **The God of Deliverance**

- **Justification** – He has saved us from the penalty of sin. See Romans 5:1; II Timothy 1:9.
- **Sanctification** – He is saving us from the power of sin – its deceptive pleasure. See John 17:14-17 (cp. James 1:21; I Timothy 4:16; II Timothy 3:15-17).
- **Glorification** – He will save us from the presence of sin. See I Thessalonians 5:9-10; Romans 13:11.
- See all three aspects of our salvation in Romans 5:6-11
  - Justification – Romans 5:9a; 5:10a; 5:11.
  - Sanctification – Romans 5:10b.
  - Glorification – Romans 5:9b.