

# Blessed is God

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 2 Corinthians 1.
- B. The Corinthian church was suffering from all sorts of immorality.
- C. Paul wrote a harsh letter, but false apostles remained in the community nonetheless.
- D. He has undergone great suffering, but God has comforted him in his affliction so he blesses God.

## II. Paul identifies God as the Father of all comfort.

- A. This is the God revealed in Jesus Christ.
- B. They are the same essence, but God is identified as the Father of Jesus Christ and his God. (John 1, 17, Ephesians 1:3, 2 John 1:3)
  - 1. Jesus is God's equal.
  - 2. Jesus has submitted to the Father in his humanity.
- C. God's mercies are great. (2 Samuel 24, Micah 7, Romans 12:1)
- D. God is the God of all comfort. This refers to God's provision of strength. (Isaiah 66)

## Application Questions:

1. How do Paul's circumstance shed light on his praise in this chapter?

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2. What role does God's identity play in our worship?

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3. How would you describe Jesus' relationship to the Father? Explain.

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