

Eulogy For The Living God

(Ephesians 1:3)

- Introduction:
1. Eulogies are typically reserved for people after they die.
 2. However, how often have we heard people say they wanted “flowers while they were living” rather than after they were dead.
 3. Furthermore, eulogies tend to bring to attention the praiseworthy aspects of one’s life.
 - a. Ills. of Roger Marris.
 4. Life might be better if we daily said the things that we typically reserve for funerals.
 5. Apparently, the apostle Paul thought so, which brings us to the point of this lesson.

I. We Are Commanded To Eulogize God

- A. (Ephesians 1:3) - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...”
- B. The word, “Blessed” which means “happy” as used in the Beattitudes (Matthew 5:3-11), is not the word used in Ephesians 1:3.
- C. Instead a different word is used.
 1. (Eulogeo) - a word from which we get our English word, “Eulogy,” which means to “speak well of; or to celebrate with praises.”
- D. In other words, Paul is commanding us to “Eulogize God,” or to speak well of God.

II. Eulogizing The Living God

- A. (Psalm 146:1-10).
 1. Praise God because he is eternal (vs. 3-4).
 - a. (Psalm 90:1-2; Deut. 33:27).
 2. Praise God because he is the Creator (vs. 5-6).
 - a. (Psalm 148:5; Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3).
 3. Praise God because he is faithful (v. 6).
 - a. (Deut. 7:9; 2 Tim. 2:13; Lam. 3:22-23; 1 Thess. 5:24).
 4. Praise God because he is just (v. 7).
 - a. (Psalm 89:14; Psalm 7:11; Genesis 18:25).
 5. Praise God because he is benevolent (vs. 8-10).
 - a. (Matthew 5:45; James 1:27).

- Conclusion:
1. When one gets to know the Lord; who He is, and what He has done, how can one not “eulogize” or praise his name?
 2. May our lives express praise to God, not in a “mechanical,” “rote,” way, but from our hearts.