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Title: “To God Be the Glory”

Series: Genesis: Beginnings

Text: Genesis 14:1-24

God blesses His people...

1. ...so that we can **STEWARD** what He's given in **FAITH**, vv. 13-16 (*see also 1:28; 2 Kings 6:16; Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 16:10-12; 1 Corinthians 12:7; 1 Peter 4:10*).
2. ...so that we can **GIVE** what He's given as **WORSHIP**, vv. 17-20 (*see also Psalm 96:8; Proverbs 3:9-10; Mark 12:41-44; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; Hebrews 7:1-4*).
3. ...so that we can **TESTIFY** with what He's given to His **GLORY** alone, vv. 21–24 (*see also Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Psalm 115:1; Matt. 5:16; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; Ephesians 1:3; 1 Timothy 6:17-19*).

FOR FURTHER STUDY & DISCUSSION

1. With 318 men, an elderly Abram defeated the forces of four powerful kingdoms of the day. What does that tell us about Abram? About God? With that kind of army, why didn't Abram just take the Promised Land by force? What might Abram have gained by NOT rescuing Lot (see 13:10-11)? What do we learn from Abram's experience about stewarding the blessings given to us by God? How is stewardship an act of faith in God's promises? What has God put in your stewardship to be used in faith? How are you doing with that?
2. Compare and contrast King Melchizedek and the King of Sodom. From their interactions with Abram, what do they view as important? Where does victory come from? What/who should be worshiped? What is Abram declaring by responding the way he does in v. 20? Who or what might represent modern-day equivalents of these two kings, and in what ways do your actions today demonstrate allegiance to one or the other?
3. Why does Abram refuse the King of Sodom's offer in v. 21? What is at stake if he receives the goods? By refusing the spoils of victory, how is Abram affirming his trust and dependence on God alone? How can we practice that same kind of trust today? In what ways might we be tempted to pursue certain gains that, if accepted, would reveal that we are not truly relying on God?
4. In this chapter, the God that blesses is referred to as “*God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth*” (v. 19). Reflect on each of those words. In a world of competing powers, what does it mean for God's people that He is “Most High?” In a culture that craves possessions, what does it mean that God is “Possessor of heaven and earth?” How does this description of God point to our need for God's grace? How should it point us toward thanksgiving? Consider this as you celebrate Thanksgiving Day this week.

NEXT WEEK: Genesis 15

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