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**“Living Hope”**

*1 Pet. 1:3-12*

**Hope for Suffering Pilgrims**

## Singing songs to heavy hearts

Prov. 25:20, *“Whoever sings songs to a heavy heart is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, and like vinegar on soda.”*

Reasons why God is worthy to be “*Blessed*”...

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I. God is worthy of praise because of our gracious new birth. (v. 3a)

*“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.” (John 1:12-13)*

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*“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.”*

*(John 10:27-29)*

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*“Blessed be God”* indeed!

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