

Revelation 19

“Here Comes The Heavenly Bride”

Revelation 19:1-4 (KJV)

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2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia”

A MARRIAGE MADE IN HEAVEN

* This is what is referred to as the *Great Marriage Supper of the Lamb*, of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself

* This is the great supper where all of heaven will be present to celebrate the union of Jesus Christ and the believers who have followed Him down through the centuries

Everyone in heaven will be there: God, Christ, believers, and the heavenly host

* It is to be the most celebrated and joyful event ever experienced up to that point in history

* Why?

* Because it is the great Marriage Supper of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, God's very own Son.

God has planned a celebration for His Son above and beyond anything we could ever imagine or describe

* Weddings! A very powerful celebration!

* A time to witness the marriage, a covenant of man and woman according to Gods Holy Ordinance

* A time of establishing unity, two becoming one

* A time of powerful rejoicing, celebration, decorations, declarations, food, folks and FUN!!!

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* ***The Marriage Supper of the Lamb***

* It is to be the first time that all the redeemed of all ages have ever come together at one time to honor the Lamb who was slain to redeem the universe.

* Because of what He has done for man, He is deserving of all the honor and praise possible from all heavenly creatures.

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4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, *Amen; Alleluia*.

5 And *a voice came out of the throne*, saying, *Praise our God*, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

6 And *I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude*, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, *Alleluia*: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth”

It seems from this passage that Heaven rejoices before and after the wedding

* I like that!

* The cause of all this rejoicing is mentioned in *verse 7*

Revelation 19: 7

“7 Let us be *glad and rejoice*, and give honour to him: for *the marriage of the Lamb is come*, and *his wife hath made herself ready*”

* Your earthly praise and worship is Wedding Practice!

It seems that the marriage of the Lord Jesus is the catalyst for Heaven's anthems of praise

* Those in Heaven lift their voices in that fill the heavens with praise - *Amen; Alleluia*

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* The Hallelujah Of God's Salvation

* Heaven praises the Lord for all He has done for them!

* The cross, the blood, the empty grave, Salvation, Faith, Joy, Peace, Power, Healing, Deliverance, Abundance, Holy Ghost Anointing, Victory with a capital V” GLORY SAINTS OF GOD!!!

The saved, they are in Heaven and they have a reason to shout!

Illustration

Years ago, in Wales, there lived a man by the name of Billy Bray. He was an old time shouter! Many of the people who heard him shout used to rebuke him for praising the Lord so loudly and so often. Whenever they would try to stop him, old Billy would respond by saying, “*I can't help it! God has been so good to me! With every step I take I remember His glory!*” He said, “*I put my right foot down and it says 'Hallelujah'. I put my left foot down and it says, 'Amen'.*” With that, Billy Bray would march off shouting “*Hallelujah*” and “*Amen*” with every step he took. Billy Bray knew that God deserved praise for the salvation He so freely gives!

* Oh how about some folks getting into some *Wedding Practice!*

* You see excitement does not start after a Wedding!

* No Wedding Excitement starts way before the actual Wedding Takes Place! - As Doin Hull used to say, “WELL GLORY!!!”

Standing there at the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the angels will see the most spectacular sight they have ever witnessed: the completion of God's salvation. Therefore, they will praise God as the God of salvation at the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Revelation 19:2-3 (KJV)

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The Hallelujah Of God’s Sentence

* The residents of Heaven praise the Lord for executing His judgment upon a lost, sinful and rebellious world!

* They know that His judgments are fair, they are right and they are perfect.

Therefore at the *Great Marriage Supper of the Lamb*, the angels will break out in praise to God for the great victory He has brought upon earth.

Revelation 19:4-5 (KJV)

“4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

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* The supper will be filled with the hallelujah of God's omnipotent reign

* "Thy kingdom come," is about to become a living reality upon earth forever and ever

* At the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb all of heaven will be stirred to praise the Lord God for His omnipotent reign

The Hallelujah Of God’s Sovereignty

* If you take the time to look at the book of Revelation, these 24 elders who are mentioned show up about 6 times – [Rev.4:10; 5:8; 5:14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4]

* Every time they do, they are doing the same thing: falling on their faces and worshipping the Lord!

Just to let you in on a secret, those 24 elders represent the redeemed of God – and set an incredible example for us when it comes to worship and praise – Worship is for real!

- * If you are saved, they picture YOU!
- * Why are they praising the Lord so much?
- * Because in Heaven, they are finally free from the limitations of the flesh and they can see God like He really is!
- * They are no longer afraid or ashamed to worship Him, but now they are ready, willing and able to fall down before the Lamb of God and shout His praises!

The reality of all God is, of all He has done for us and of all that is ours as His children – A saved person in this world should praise and shout themselves happy - PRAISE HIM!

I want to call your attention to Revelation 19: 4 “And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, *Amen; Alleluia*”

There are two heavenly words mentioned here that you and I need to look at just for a moment

- * “*Amen*”
- * “*Hallelujah*”

The word “*Amen*” is a word “*signifying agreement with and approval of the Word of God*”

- * When “*Amen*” appears at the beginning of a sentence, it means “*truly*”
- * This word was used by Jesus on many occasions
- * When it is spoken concerning the words uttered by another, it means “*I agree*” or “*so be it*”
- * “*Amen*” is said to be the most widely known word in the world!

The word “*Hallelujah*” is a Hebrew word meaning “*Praise the Lord*”

- * It is used only one time in the New Testament and that was to give honor and glory to the Lamb.

It is heaven’s praise word!

We need to learn to use a little heavenly language

- * Therefore, learn to say “*Amen!*” and “*Hallelujah!*”
- * It is all right to praise the Lord!
- * If something blesses your heart, just try “*Amen!*”
- * If the Lord is moving in your soul, just try “*Hallelujah!*”
- * Guess What?
- * I promise you one thing. It won’t hurt you!

Revelation 19:7-8 (KJV)

“7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb *is come*, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints”

- * If Jesus Christ is to be the focus of attention in that day, how much more should He be today?
- * Jesus Christ is deserving of our attention, all of our attention, all of our lives, all of our service, worship, and praise
- * The Wedding Supper will focus upon the Lamb of God – Jesus

The Wedding Supper will have a pure and prepared bride

- * The bride – the church!

The Betrothal Stage, the Presentation Stage and the Celebration Stage

The Betrothal Stage

- * This was something like what we know in the west as an engagement
- * However, the major difference lies in the fact that this was a binding agreement!
- * When a couple was betrothed, they were considered married!
- * There was no getting out of it, except through a divorce or death!

Even though the couple did not dwell together, or share the marriage bed, they were, nonetheless, married!

- * Another difference was that the marriage partners and the marriages themselves were usually arranged by the parents of the bride and groom
- * You didn't even get to pick your mate!
- * Love was not usually the basis for marriages
- * You didn't marry for love, you loved who you married!

The bride of Christ is in the midst of this betrothal period right now!

- * We have been picked by the Heavenly Father and we are married to Jesus right now
- * We are just waiting to go to Him

The Presentation Stage

- * When the time of the wedding arrived, the Father of the groom would send the bridegroom and his friends to the bride's home.
- * They would get her and bring her back to the groom's house, which he had prepared for her, with great celebration and joy.
- * There, gifts would be exchanged, the marriage would be consummated and the couple would begin their lives together.

That is what we are waiting on today!

- * We are married, we are just waiting on the Bridegroom to come and call His bride to come meet Him.
- * Friend, that day is coming! Are you ready to meet Him when He comes?

The Festival Stage

Following the wedding, the couple, their friends and their families would enter a time of celebration

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Notice that the text says “his wife hath made herself ready”

- * Typically brides in Biblical days would prepared their own wedding garments
- * It could be as elaborate our as simple as they chose to make it

Usually, it consisted of two pieces

- * One, an inner garment called a tunic
- * And the outer garment called a toga

It was the bride’s responsibility to get herself ready for the wedding!

- * We need to understand that we are to prepare ourselves for that day that is coming as well!
- * The Bride of Christ will be clothed in white linen and that this linen is the righteousness of the saints!

Simply to imply that how simply or how elaborately we are dressed may depend on the kind of life we lived while we were in this world!

There are three kinds of righteousness that a person can have

1. Personal Righteousness

- * This is the righteousness you can produce all by yourself
- * It is basically evil and no good at all can come from it – [Isa. 64:6]
- * In our own righteousness, we are literally dressed in rags before the Lord

2. Provided Righteousness

- * This is the righteousness we are given when we trust the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior – [2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 3:21-22]
- * This refers to that tunic, or inner garment
- * We have been provided with a spotless inner garment of righteousness!

3. Practical Righteousness

- * This is the righteousness we live out each day we are in this world
- * It refers to how we conduct ourselves
- * How well we submit to authority
- * How we use the opportunities, gifts, responsibilities and privileges we are given as children of God

This speaks of the outer garment, or the toga, that the world sees

- * Could be that how well we are dressed at the Wedding may depend on how we live here!
- * It may be that the wedding garments will be handed out at the Judgment Seat of Christ – [Matthew 22:1-12] and that they will reflect how we lived life here below!
- * Just something worth thinking about!

Simply the fact remains that the bride has made the proper preparations and she is ready for the wedding!

Revelation 19:9-10 (KJV)

“9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy”

The Guests At The Wedding Supper

- * There will be guests at this heavenly wedding
- * Who?
- * The Old Testament saints and the Tribulation saints
- * All Jews and Gentiles who were saved before Pentecost and after the Rapture!
- * That will be quite an assembly! The Bride of Christ!

The Lord Jesus is going to present His Bride with a celebration that will last 1,000 years!

- * After the wedding, we will return with Him to this earth**
- * He will put down His enemies and establish His throne on this earth**
- * Then, He and His bride will reign together, during the millennium, for 1,000 years!**

Conclusion

Consider for a moment how you are preparing for that day!

- * What kind of garments will you be wearing when you stand there at that Royal Wedding?**
- * The time to prepare is today!**
- * The place to prepare is here!**
- * The person to prepare is you.**

Will you come and let the Lord work in your heart and life?