



Title: Wedding Bells

Text: Revelation 19

Target: Hope echoes to the deepest of valleys, from the highest of heavens that victory is ours in Christ!

- I. **The Witness of Worship:** *“After this”* (Vs. 1a)
 - A. **A Shout in Unification:** *“I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven crying out, “Hallelujah!”* (Vs. 1)
 - B. **A Sentiment of Validation:** *“salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgement are true and just”* (Vs. 1b-2a)
 - C. **A Statement of Finalization:** *“And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen, Hallelujah”* (Vs. 4)

DISCUSSION QUESTION: This section is all about worship and praise. Adoration for who God is and admiration for what He has done. Remember from chapter 11 when we made the connection to Handel’s Messiah? Is there a song in your heart or that The LORD has brought to mind as you heard God’s message through Pastor Ed? As you read this chapter and beyond, look for connections to the praise and worship that arises from the victory proclaimed in chapters 19-22.

- II. **The Wonder of a Wedding:** *Hallelujah! For the Lord our God reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory for the marriage of the Lamb has come.”* (Vs 6b-7a)
 - A. **Expectation of the Wedding:** *“and his Bride has made herself ready”* (7b) *John 14:1-2
 - B. **Presentation for the Wedding:** *“it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure - for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.”* (Vs. 8)
 1. Personal Righteousness
 2. Positional Righteousness
 - C. **Invitation to the Wedding:** *“Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb”. And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”* (Vs.9)
 - D. **Admission into the Wedding:** *“hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God”* *“For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”* (Vs. 10)

DISCUSSION QUESTION: This is going to be a feast and celebration like none other! Here we see the Bride (the church) standing in stark contrast to the Harlot described in previous chapters. She is standing in fine linen, clean and bright and ready to see her bridegroom, Jesus. Matthew 25 compels us to be “ready” for the arrival of the bridegroom that we might partake of the wedding feast. This is good news to be shared with others while there is still time. How can you invite those around you to be ready for the “marriage supper of the Lamb?”

III. **The Wrath of a Warrior:** *"Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war."* (Vs. 11)

A. Attributes of His Appearance:

1. **Eyes of Fire:** *"Flame of Fire"* (Vs. 12a)
2. **Crown of Royalty:** *"many Diadems"* ***Mystery Name** (Vs. 12b)
3. **Testimony of Sacrifice:** *"He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood"* (Vs. 13a)
4. **Faithful in Witness:** *"called the Word of God"* (13b)

B. Affirmation of His Authority:

1. **Armies of Heaven:** *"arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses."* (Vs. 14)
2. **Weapons of Warfare:** *"from his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations and he will rule them with a rod of iron"* (Vs. 15)
3. **Title of Triumph:** *"On his robe and on His thigh, he has a name written. King of Kings and Lord of Lords."* (Vs. 16)

C. Assurance in Armageddon:

1. **Promise of Defeat:** *"And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image."* (Vs. 20a)
2. **Promise of Destruction:** *"These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur."* (Vs. 20b)

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Jesus came the first time as a Lamb to be sacrificed. He came to bring forgiveness and redemption to a fallen world. When He returns, He will return as a conquering king to exact judgement. When you read about a few of the names of Jesus in verses 11-16, what comes to your mind? Which of those names speaks to you or draws you to Him? Do you find yourself in awe and wonder? Are you overwhelmed with the might and power of Jesus? Share with your group and discuss.

Take Away: What's for supper?