

SRMBC Family Bible Study

Revelation - The Triumph of God

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Lesson 12 Are You Going to the Wedding? Revelation 19

John uses a metaphor that has lost much of its meaning in our generation—marriage. In this day of divorce and serial monogamy, it is difficult to grasp the splendor of marriage as God intends it. John chooses a wedding to describe the consummation of the deepest longing of the human soul: Christ's coming to receive us. Our present engagement (betrothal) to Christ will be followed by the wedding service and a joyous feast. Then and then only can we experience complete unity with Christ.

Group Discussion. In your opinion, what are some of the best things about marriage?

- Companionship/Love
- Doubled Joy/Shared Burdens
- Completeness/Compliment
- Intimacy without guilt/shame
- Help in accomplishing God's Will
- Children/Christian Witness

What does marriage convey about our Relationship with Christ?

This vision seems a welcome relief after the long passage on tribulation and judgment (chapters 6—18). In fact, the marriage is the logical result of all that has gone before, as we shall see.

Read Revelation 19.

1. Why is the great multitude shouting praise in heaven? (vv.1 – 6)

"After This..." The Fall of Babylon and the end of the Great Tribulation (Rev 18). All according to the plan and promise of Almighty God.

Why the Shout of Praise	Remarks
Who Jesus/God is:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He is the Saviour• He is all – powerful – He is too be honored and feared• He is worthy of All Glory (weight) and Honor• He is the Lord – He has the highest authority• He is Faithful True and Righteous
What Jesus/God done:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He has created and rules all things• He sacrificed and saved all those who believe• He has defeated His enemies and saved His people• He has brought down perfect and righteous judgement against sin and sinners

What Jesus/God Going to do:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He will give places to His Church/Bride at the Marriage Supper • The eternal peace and joy of victory • He will provide holiness and righteousness for His people
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The reasons that we have to worship, praise and rejoice in the Lord today, are the same we have in the future and the same as those currently in presence of Jesus in Heaven – For who He is, What He has done and What He will do

2. Based on what you have studied in Revelation, what do you think has made the bride ready for the groom (vv. 7-9)?

The Bride of Christ Consists of the NT Church and the OT saints

- The Bride has answered the call – the “wooing” of Holy Spirit to faith in Jesus for Salvation
- The Bride has had herself clothed in Robes washed in the Blood of the Lamb (All sins forgiven)
- The Bride keeps her robes white and without wrinkle through acts of personal holiness and Christian Service.
- The Bride Continues to proclaim and hope in Coming Kingdom – inviting others to come along via the Gospel

It hasn't been just Israel! many of us have at one time in our lives been unfaithful to the Lord!

It's kinda like the story of Ray Helminiak who in lousy spring weather, would switched from country lanes to shopping malls for his daily stroll. There the weather was always under control, and was great for people watching. "One day, I noticed a senior citizen couple strolling along, holding hands," Ray said.

The next day, I saw the same couple, and this time they were not only holding hands, the man had a firm grip on his wife's elbow. When he got home, Ray thought to himself how grand their relationship must be, even after so many years together, raising a family and how they are now slowing down to take life a little easier. "Would you believe I saw them again the next time I was at the mall?"

Ray said. "Now they were not only holding hands, the husband had his arm around his wife's waist." Ray said he couldn't resist the urge to talk to them. "I hope you don't think me too forward," Ray said, "but I just want you to know how happy it makes me, and I'm sure many others, to see this display of affection among older married folks." The man looked Ray right in the eye and said, "Son, if I let go of her one darn second, she'll start shopping,"

3. John does not describe the details of the marriage; he simply proclaims it. Why is marriage such a good image for the believer's hope? How is this hope greater than our present experience of Christ?

- The union of man and woman in marriage is a mystery because it conceals, a truth about Christ and the church.
- As God willed for the husband and wife become one flesh (Gen. 2:24) Christ and the church to become one body (Gal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 12:13).
- The roles of Husband (Eph. 5:25) and of the Wife (Eph. 5:23).
- Presently our hope in Christ can only be seen darkly – There will be a time coming when our relationship with Our Lord will be seen in all its fullness (1 Cor. 13:12).

John Piper, "A Metaphor of Christ and the Church," The Standard 74:2 (February 1984)

4. Like a champion ready for battle, Jesus appears on horseback (vv.11-16). What do we learn about him?

- Jesus is Faithful and True to His Word -Coming back just as He said
- He is Coming back as the Righteous Judge – doling out Just punishment by war
- He sees all the evil in the world
- He is Awesome that we don't know Everything about Him
- He is the Living Word – Who was slain but is now alive forever more
- He is Commander In– Chief of the Heavenly Army (of which we will be a part)
- He will not come as Savior but to execute God's Righteous Wrath and against sin and sinners
- He is ready and has the authority to rule every nation

5. Why must this battle take place before the marriage can begin and the kingdom of God can fully come (vv. 17-21)?

- Jesus is coming to meet His Bride and His purpose is that no enemy will interfere with that glorious consummation.
- We are saved from the power and penalty of Sin, but it is not complete until we are free from the presence of Sin.
- Some may wonder how a loving God could inflict such pain. But God's holiness demands He judges sin. We can trust His mercy and Justice.

6. In what ways would you like to see Christ triumph in your life or in the world around you?

Christ's Triumph in My Life

- Over doubts and fear when faced a challenge to obey
- Over my sin, flesh, selfishness and laziness
- To my church and my family come to salvation and growth in Christ.

Christ's Triumph in The World

- To have the Gospel go around the World and draw people to Salvation
- Hearts with be changed and bent toward God's Word and Ways
- Our families and communities restored and re-built on godly principles

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us (II Cor. 2:14)

7. How does engagement (or betrothal) describe our present relationship to Christ?

- If the wedding is yet to come, then at present we are only engaged to Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 11:2)
- Unlike modern engagements, biblical betrothal was a definite and final pledge to marry which could be broken only by divorce (see Mt 1:19).
- It was pre-sexual marriage; only the consummation and cohabitation remained.
- In marriage but also in spiritual growth, most people "want it all now." This chapter encourages us to pray, "Come, Lord Jesus."

The best is yet to come and is absolutely certain

"For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." (II Cor 11:2)

8. How can we confidently know we are invited to the "wedding supper of the Lamb"?

- **Trusting the Words of Scripture** - The Gospel (Rom. 10:9 – 10)
- **Trusting the Work of the Savior** - Jesus' Cross and Resurrection (Rom 5:17; I Cor 15:3 – 5)
- **Trusting in the Witness of the Spirit** – Conversion/Conviction (Rom 8:16; John 5:9 – 10)

Thank God for the assurance you have of your salvation.

Keys For Living



When we reflect on who Jesus is and what He has done in us and for us, the natural response for believers is to express our hearts in extravagant and all-inclusive praise (mind, soul, body, voices, etc.) to His Glorious Name.



Although the Antichrist and his forces will seem to have their way during the Tribulation, we can be confident in the final redemption plan of God. Jesus will return with us His saints to execute His victory and set up His Kingdom here on Earth.



Once anyone turns to Jesus in faith and repentance for salvation, we can be assured of our place at the Marriage Supper of The Lamb to celebrate our Eternal Victory with Our Lord, the Angels and the rest of saints.