

Friday, April 3, 2026

Revelation 19:9

We read today from Revelation 19:9 Read the passage now or at the end of this devotion. What can we learn today from the light of God's word to us?

Happy Easter Week! May the Spirit bless you as you anticipate the celebration, the remembrances and the reflections ahead. In these devotions, we are focusing on Christ as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

To do that, I'd like to join in some simple word associations throughout the week. My hope is to bring us into some places of gratitude and reflection by using some common objects that we run into every day.

Today's word association is a wedding.

I have been to a few beautiful and memorable weddings over the years, including my own of course. In recent memory, the wedding that had the most profound impact on me was the wedding of my daughter Katie to her now husband Cam.

It was a beautiful day for a lot of reasons. A beautiful bride and handsome groom. Meaningful experiences shared with Kristin as we watched and shared together this amazing day. Special conversations with different members of my family. Some friends that helped us in ways that we will never forget. What an amazing day.

One special part of that day as we get farther away from it is how "fitting" it was. We witnessed two people who not only got married, but we watched two people who belong together. Cam and Katie are a spectacular match. They have their differences, but those differences enhance rather than detract from their relationship. They laugh well together and help each other in the ways that only a helpmate can do. It is a joy to watch them grow as a team and we are blessed to see their family grow, including very soon when they welcome their 3rd child. God is good!

As a parent, there are few things that bring joy like a good match for your kid.

So, when we read Revelation 19:9, we should be profoundly impacted by the image we are given of the culmination of God's Kingdom that comes with the new heavens and new earth.

Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!"

The end of all we know now, and the beginning of what we will know eternally, will be marked by....

A wedding.

Who is getting married? Verse 7. "For the wedding of the Lamb has come." Okay. The groom is Jesus.

Who is the bride? Who is worthy to wed the Son of God? The redeemed bride of Christ. The church.

That means you, and me. All of us who know grace and are included in God's family are together the fitting match for Jesus. We are not fit because of what we do. That wedding could never happen. The

holiness of Christ could never join with the sinfulness of humanity. But because of grace, *“his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.”*

The culmination of God’s revealed glory comes at the altar where we are joined with Christ in an eternal union of love, joy, and holiness. Because the Lamb took away the sin of the world, the Lamb can now be wed to those who have had that sin removed through his grace. It’s a mind-bending future, but one that I anticipate will mark us with nothing less than unrestrained joy!

This Easter week is foreshadowing the coming wedding feast. Because of the week of Christ’s suffering, the invitations can be printed. Because the cross is put up, but soon becomes empty, the throne room banquet hall can be filled. Because the stone is rolled away and the angels tell those who come that Christ is risen, those same angelic voices can anticipate singing songs of joy at the future wedding feast.

This weekend we proclaim that “Christ has risen! He is risen indeed!” May we look forward to our reunion with this Lamb of God who’s life will be joined with ours forever.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord turn his smile towards you and give you his peace.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I love you all. Blessings.

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