

## THE WEDDING FEAST

- what is the hope of the ages = **Titus 2.11-15** = For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

- we have come to that time in our study!

- the blessing **(1.3)** realized

### **(1-4) – WORSHIP IN HEAVEN**

- The scene now shifts to heaven after the world's political and commercial systems have been destroyed

- A loud voice of a great multitude

→ “Alleluia”/ “Hallelujah” appears four times this chapter

→ Hebrew = halelu yah = praise God

- the only four times in the Bible where it is translated “Alleluia/Hallelujah”
- appears 23 times, all in the Psalms, all translated “Praise the LORD”.

- the difference between praise and worship

→ worship = adoration, honor, reverence, to bow, kiss the feet of = can be silent or vocal

→ praise on the other hand is vocal

- **Hebrews 13.15** = Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

- we have learned 2 Hebrew words that are known universally – hallelujah and amen

- notice some of the things mentioned in this loud praise

→ Salvation, glory, honor, power, righteous judgment

- What can you give Him praise for right now?

### **(5-6) – THE LORD REIGNS**

- a voice from the throne of God – Praise our God!

- when I read about the voice of a great multitude, this is the song I think about

→ [Handel's Young Messiah](#)

- we rejoice because God wins!

### **(7-9) – MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB**

- be glad and rejoice

- a typical Jewish wedding = a formal betrothal, a wedding ceremony in which the bride is taken by the groom to his father's house, followed by wedding feast

→ Betrothal = the church age, when Christians are pledged to Christ

→ Wedding = the rapture of the church

→ The marriage feast

- blessed are those who are called

- Jesus told a story about this in **Matthew 22.1-15** = And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.”’ But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

- the real question for you = will you be there?

- there are 2 feasts described here – which one will you be at

**(10) – WORSHIP GOD!**