

Revelation 19:1-10

Worship In Heaven

Introduction

Chapter 19 is divided into three main subjects, the worship of the Lord, the marriage supper of the Lamb, and the Second Coming of Christ. In the first part of this chapter we get a glimpse of how the Lord is worshiped in heaven, and the marriage supper of the Lamb. This section of Scripture shows a pattern of worship that can still be followed today. This great passage shows us the ending of the Tribulation, and the beginning of the Millennial reign of Christ

I. The Worship in Heaven, v1-6

This worship in heaven is in the form of celebrating who God is and what He has done. There are four times in this passage that the word alleluia is used, and each one is important. This word means "praise God." It is important to note that this word is used four times in the New Testament all in this chapter.

A. The Alleluia of Salvation, v1

All of heaven is giving God glory for his great work in salvation. God planned salvation in eternity past, and he has seen it through to completion. The work of salvation brings God glory, honor, and worship. Salvation is a great reason for all of God's people to say "praise God."

B. The Alleluia of Judgment, v2-3

These verses praise God for bringing great judgment on the earth. In judgment, God has clearly shown His justice, righteousness, and holiness. This is a great reminder that all sin must be judged, and a great reminder that God is not just "love." Those in heaven realize the greatness and glory of God in his judgments.

C. The Alleluia of Sovereignty, v4

Notice in this verse the "God that sat on the throne." God is, and has been, in complete control of the events of the world. Often it seems that the world is out of control, but God has a plan. He has a plan for the universe, and for each individual life. We should praise God because he is still on the throne

D. The Alleluia of Worship, v5-6

God is worthy of worship. He is the all powerful God of the universe, and He is the only one worthy of praise. The sound of worship in heaven is powerful and continuous. This worship and celebration of the greatness of God, is given in preparation for the great marriage supper of the Lamb

II. The Wedding in Heaven, v7-10

Jesus shows His relationship with the church in many different ways. He is the Shepherd of Jn. 10, the Vine of Jn. 15, The Cornerstone in Eph. 2, High Priest in 1 Pt. 2, The Head of the Body, Eph. and 1 Cor., Last Adam in Ro.5. One of the greatest titles and relationships is the Bridegroom of Revelation 19. The wedding ceremonies of Bible times focused on the Bridegroom, and not on the Bride. This wedding in heaven will also focus on the Bridegroom, Christ.

A. The Preparation for the Wedding, v7

The initial preparation for this wedding takes place at salvation, and it continued with the Rapture. All the wedding preparations have been made by the Lord, and He invites all who will to come to the wedding.

B. The Purification of the Bride, v8

The Bride will be clothed in white, this pictures the righteousness of Christ. Prior to the wedding, each believer must appear before the judgment seat of Christ. This event is spoken of in Ro 14:10, ICo. 3:10-15, and 2 Co. 5:10. At the time of the wedding, we will have been purified by the fire that judges our works and our motives.

C. The Presentation of the Guests, v9-10

Those who are at this event are called blessed. This will include all in heaven, the angels, the Church, and of course the Lord. This will be a great event and a great celebration of the love of Christ for His Bride, and the love of His people to Him.

Conclusion

This wedding feast is being prepared now. The only way in is through salvation. Even in the late stage of this book, the Lord again brings us back to the importance and urgency of salvation. There is still time, but we do not know how much. We need to give out the gospel at every opportunity, so that many may be at this wedding feast.