

A. SERMON SLIDES

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb
Revelation 19:1-10

Revelation 19:1-5 (ESV)

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
for his judgments are true and just;
for he has judged the great prostitute
who corrupted the earth with her immorality,
and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

Once more they cried out,

“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God,
all you his servants,
you who fear him,
small and great.”

Slide 3:

Revelation 19:6-10 (ESV)

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready;
it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, “Write this: 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.” Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1) Read Revelation 19:1-10. You may want to go back to chapter 17/18 to remember what has happened preceding this moment. What is happening here? How does John react? What are the characters in this vision?
- 2) The new heaven and earth will be a place where the presence of evil is finally destroyed. "The smoke from her goes up forever and ever." What does that tell us about this current heaven and earth, our place in the story now, and one of the reasons heaven will be so enjoyable?
- 3) What does the personification of Evil as Harlot tell us about the nature of sin?
- 4) Why is the Bridegroom a Lamb? What does this tell us about how Evil is defeated and how the bride becomes a Bride?
- 5) When the new heaven and earth is envisioned as a wedding feast, and in light of the nature of historic Hebrew/Jewish weddings...what part of the Story in the Marriage is this, and what does that tell us about our place in the Story now?

6) Talk about what these mean in a relationship with Christ:

A. Marriage is legally binding

- a) Father's Choice
- b) Father/Groom's purchase price and legal signing
- c) Cleansing
- d) Remember Me
- e) Groom leaving a guarantee
- f) Groom leaving to prepare a place

B. Marriage is constant communion

- a) How do we do this as the Bride awaiting His return?

C. Marriage as eternal celebration

- a) Consummation (Heavenly worship?)
- b) No more evil (Antagonist is gone forever)
- c) Wine and dance and food (Joy)

7. Prayer and Praise