book of <u>Revelation</u>, the 19th chapter and, sorry about that, need to dismiss or those who will be going to the junior high-mill school class today. We've been doing this verse by verse today in a book of <u>Revelation</u> and guess what guys? We're coming into the home stretch. Praise the Lord.

We worked our way through, frankly, some challenging stuff. The book of <u>Revelation</u> can be a challenging study but God wants us to know what his word has to say about things that relates to the book of <u>Revelation</u>. And we worked our way through primarily most of the judgments and things are going to begin to culminate here in chapter 19. I think you will be blessed by what we've seen.

So I share that with you. For those of you who've gotten, you know, kind of bogged down by this because it's some dark stuff. It's some pretty heavy-duty stuff with the judgments that come on the scene. But there's going to be a totally different landscape that we'll see here today.

So join with me in chapter 19 as we focus our attention today in a study of verses one through ten, <u>Revelation</u> 19. Verse one, <u>Revelation</u> 19 says this, after this, I heard what sounded like a vast crowd in heaven shouting, hallelujah or praise the Lord. Salvation and glory empower belong to our God. His judgments are true and just.

He has punished the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality. He has avenged the murder of his servants. And again, their voices rang out, hallelujah or praise the Lord. The smoke from that city ascends forever and ever.

Then the 24 elders and the four living beings fell down and worship God who was sitting on the throne and they cried out, amen, hallelujah, praise the Lord. And from the throne came a voice that said, praise our God, all his servants, all who fear him. From the least to the greatest. Then he heard again a sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of a mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder.

Hallelujah or praise the Lord for the Lord our God, the almighty reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice and let us give honor to him for the time has come for the waiting feast of the Lamb and his bride has prepared herself. She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear for the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people. And the angel said to me, write this, blessed are those who are invited to the waiting feast of the Lamb and he added, these are true words that come from God.

And our final verse for this study today and of course the the word for the week that we featured in the bulletin says then I fell down at his feet to worship him. But he said no don't worship me. I am a servant of God just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus worship only God. And he concludes that verse by saying for the essence the heart of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus.

Let's pray again. Father in Jesus name this morning is we undertake the study of your living and active word we do pray for clarity Lord. We pray for the truth of your word to just pierce our hearts and our lives to make the difference that you intended to as you send it out. Holy Spirit come and have your way.

You are the one who is the real teacher so help me to stay out of your way. Lord just simply have your way in each of our lives they in each of our hearts. And as we work our way through this Holy Spirit bring the application from the word that each of us needs today. Father we stand in on.

I pray that you would just instill in our hearts and communicate to us the truth of what we're seeing happening here in the halls of heaven Lord as the worship is being poured out to you the one true living God. May we also learn something about what real worship is today as well Lord. So just have your way in this time bless the study of your word and be glorified in it Father in Jesus name. Amen.

Amen. Wow what a transition what a transition from the judgments that we've seen in chapter 17 and chapter 18 as God brings judgment upon first what is called spiritual Babylon or this false religious system that God deals with in chapter 17. Now I don't want to go rehash that but God deals with the false religious system and it's an issue of accountability and you need to keep that in mind. All of us need to keep in mind the element of accountability.

In chapter 18 we saw that God brought judgment against an entity also called Babylon but it wasn't spiritual Babylon it wasn't the religious system but it was the commercial system or a will be the commercial system that exists during the tribulation hour and how God brought judgment against that. So it's on the heels of God bringing judgment here for good reason that we look to what it says here now in verse 1 of chapter 19 and you remember last week this is where we concluded our study because verse 24 of chapter 18 is pretty heavy duty right when it says in your streets flowed the blood of the prophets and of God's holy people and the blood of people slaughtered all over the world. I didn't seem like a very good verse to finish but that's why those guys were accountable by the way the blood of God's people is on their hands. So we entered the study and again we begin the study then today with verse 1 after this and by the way in the Greek structure that's that familiar phrasing that we saw earlier in the book of Revelation met to touta after this or after these things I heard what sounded sounded like right a vast crowd in heaven shouting now some of your translations if they're not translations will say hallelujah or hallelujah without the H but just an A the NLT the new living translation that we're studying out of here says praise the Lord and what they've done is literally take the Hebrew which is hallelujah and the Greek hallelujah to its purest interpretation and that is because hallelujah means praise the Lord so when somebody says hallelujah what they're saying in Hebrew is praise the Lord praise to Yah Yahweh Yahweh the self-existent one and that's exactly what's happening here and for good reason they're praising the Lord he says salvation and glory and power be long to our God this is amazing one of the things I want you to get into your heart this morning because we study this out if you know Jesus this morning if you know beyond a shout of it out the trip born again by the spirit of the living God that your eternity is secure in him that the moment that you draw your last breath or your caught up in the rapture that you'll be with him right then it's an awesome thing to know that you're in this this is your destiny you and I will be part of this crowd worshipping God that's awesome if there have been part of a massive crowd worshipping God before I'm not talking about being a Broncos game okay been there before or any anything like that you know what I'm saying I've been in football stadiums like mile high I last year got to go to the horseshoe and Columbus Ohio and watch Ohio State Buck Eys play 103,000 people when the people are cheering whether it's in mile high or any of these stadiums cheering for their football teams or it's in an arena for basketball or it's a concert it can be deafening to hear that crowd roar so this is going to be on a magnitude far greater than that far greater than that you know having been in Denver for Broncos game will several of them over the years many actually there was a time years ago that a bunch of us got to go out to an event it was called a promiskeeper's event and there were some of the men who were in this room this morning went to that and it was at the mile high stadium and even though I'd been a Broncos games before and had seen the crowd go nuts over John L.A.