

THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB
REV. 19:7-10

Introduction:

- A. We have heard heaven rejoice at the destruction of Babylon, the great whore, and the mother of abominations
 - 1. Her appearance. Rev. 17:3-5.
 - 2. John was moved with awe. 17:6.
 - 3. Her destruction. 18:19.
 - 4. Heaven rejoiced. 18:20.

- B. At the conclusion of the clamorous rejoicing in heaven, an announcement is made.
 - 1. "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." 19:6.
 - 2. The rule of the earth by God will now take place.
 - 3. There are still some things left to do but the King of kings will do them.
 - 4. Now it is time for a wedding!

I. THE BRIDEGROOM. V7

- A. "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him."
 - 1. glad = agallomen = to rejoice exuberantly.
 - 2. honor = dixia - that which attracts honor, glory.

- B. "for the marriage of the lamb is come."
 - 1. marriage = gamos - a wedding, the saying of vows, also a marriage feast.
 - 2. lamb = annion - a little lamb.
 - 3. The marriage is to the "lamb," not the King of kings and Lord of lords. He will shortly become heavenly royalty, but the Bride is in love with the Lamb.

II. THE BRIDE. V7b,8

- A. "and his wife hath made herself ready."
 - 1. wife = gune - a woman, one of the female sex, used of a maiden.

2. made = etoimazo - to prepare, make ready.
 3. Salvation is by Grace, Wholly!
 4. Those who are in the Bride must, "make themselves ready."
 5. Saved, Scriptural Baptism, Faithful in all things.
- B. "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white."
1. granted = didomi - to give, to present.
 2. arrayed = periballo - to be clothed.
 3. linen = bussinos - linen.
 4. clean = kathoros - free from impure admixture, without blemish, spotless.
 5. White = iampros - radiant, splendid.
 6. Note the difference in the Bride's dress and that of the great whore! Rev. 17:4.
- C. "for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."
1. righteousness = dikaioma - righteous deeds, acts of righteousness.
 2. This is the accumulated righteous acts of God's people. Will we have contributions to offer? Will we have acts of righteousness?
 3. Righteous acts are; RIGHT acts done at the RIGHT time, for the RIGHT reason, in the RIGHT way.
 4. Surprisingly this involves much more than attending Sunday School and Church.

III. THE MARRIAGE FEAST. V9

- A. "and he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."
1. blessed = makarios = happy, blessed.
 2. called = keklemenoi - having been called, to call, to invite. It was not only an honor to be invited to a wedding feast, but also very impolite and discourteous to reject an invitation.

3. wedding = the marriage vows, the wedding feast.
Earlier in verse 8 there were the vows, here then is the feast.
4. supper = deipnon = a meal, The principle meal whenever taken, but generally towards evening.
5. Matt. 22:1-14.
6. Matt. 25:1-13.

IV. WHERE ARE WE NOW? THE ENGAGEMENT.

- A. We are espoused unto Christ.
 1. II Cor. 11:2, "For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."
 2. espoused = harmozomai - to be fitted or joined together, hence to betroth, to be married to.
 3. We are "joined" unto the Lord.
- B. We are being cleansed and sanctified.
 1. Eph. 5:25-26.
 2. The word (Bible) is as water to cleanse and sanctify the church.
- C. The church will be judged, that is every member will be judged, to remove all that offends God.
 1. Eph. 5:27, "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, holy, without blemish, a glorious church."
- D. Even now we are being nourished and cherished.
 1. Eph. 5:28.
 2. nourished = ektrepho - to nourish out in full, to bring to maturity, as the Body of Christ.
 3. cherisheth = thalpo - to heat, soften by heat, to warm by incubation, hence, to cherish and to love with tender love.
 4. The final act. Eph. 5:31,32.

V. TESTIFYING TO JESUS, THE TEST OF OUR COMMITMENT TO GOD'S
WORD. V10

A. Only God is to be worshipped.

1. "And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, see thou do it not; I am thy fellow-servant and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus Worship God."

a. testimony = marturia - bearing a witness.

b. These are all "fellow-servants."

B. "for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy.

1. testimony = witness.

2. Those who witness to Jesus as God's Son and man's savior, witness to the character and essence of what the prophets have written. Jesus fulfilled "all prophecy." He set the example in obedience to God's word.

