

Midweek Bible Study

Exposition of Revelation

The Marriage of the Lamb (2)

Rev. 19:1-10

Review – the great harlot, Babylon, has been judged and destroyed (17-18)

Rev. 18. she has now fallen – the judgment has come, and heaven is going to rejoice.

“Notice that this passage includes two things: a funeral and a wedding.” Beeke, 472.

I. The Fourfold Hallelujah from Heaven (1-7)

- A. The first hallelujah (1-2)
- B. The second and third hallelujah (3-4)
- C. The voice from the throne (5)
- D. The fourth hallelujah (6-7)

Conclusion

God puts on display the full panorama of his perfections, in both salvation and judgment.

“Believers will rejoice at the funeral of Babylon on judgment day. They will rejoice when Babylon’s unholy mix of religion, sexual permissiveness, idolatry, and injustice turns to smoke in the fire of God’s wrath.” Beeke, 474

For God’s people, our greatest joy is when God puts his glory on display.

II. The Marriage of the Lamb (7-10)

- A. The ready bride (8)
 - 1. Let us rejoice and be glad
 - 2. His bride has made herself ready – She is prepared for her big day (2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-27).

Biblical Theology of the bride

- B. The bride’s clothes (9)
 - 1. White linen was given her to clothe herself, bright and clean
 - 2. The fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints



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- C. The blessing of being invited (9)
1. The church is the bride, and the church is the invited guests.

“The church appears as ‘his Bride,’ a corporate singular. But in verses 8-9, John makes it personal to each and all of us with the plural ‘saints,’ and ‘those who are invited.’ The eternal promise is made to Christ’s church as a whole and to all believers personally.” (Ortlund).
 2. “These are the true words of God”
- D. John tries to worship the angel (10)
1. The angel must have closely represented Christ, who seemed to John, worthy of worship.
 2. Worship God
- E. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (10)*
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1. Testimony about Jesus, given to the church, transmitted by the church
 2. The testimony is given through the prophetic witness of the church, through the Spirit
- The priesthood of all believers has a corollary, the prophethood of all believers.

The marriage of the Lamb is one of the climactic, consummative events in all of redemptive history. Creating, calling, and preparing a people to be his bride, through his redeeming work, is one of the great goals of creation.

