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BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE CALLED UNTO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

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SCRIPTURE READING: **REVELATION 19:9-21**

Revelation 19:9-10, *And he saith unto me, Write, **Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.** And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. **10:** And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*

1. BACKGROUND

- a. The **Book of Revelation** was written by the Apostle John between A.D. 90 and A.D. 96.
- b. John was exiled to Patmos, a small island off the coast of Greece, by the Roman government, for preaching the Word of God.
- c. It was here, on the island, that God gave him the revelation vision of this great book.
- d. John was an eyewitness to these things.
- e. **There are six features about the Book of Revelation.**
 1. **It is the only prophetic book in the New Testament.** There are 17 prophetic books in the Old Testament and only this one in the New Testament.
 2. **John reaches farther back into eternity than any other writer in Scripture.**
 - a. He does this in the **Gospel of John** and it opens with a fantastic statement. *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. **John 1:1***
 - b. Then he moves to the time of creation. In **John 1:3** it says, *All things were made by Him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*
 - c. In the **Book of Revelation**, John talks about the Kingdom that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will set up at His Second Coming. **Revelation 12:10**, *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. **Luke 1:32**, He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:*
 3. **The third feature about this book is that there is a special blessing promised to the reader, the hearer, and the keeper of the words.**

- a. **Revelation 1:3** tells us, *Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.*
 - b. This is a blessed promise. The time is indeed at hand.
 - c. It should serve as both a promise and a warning for those who might not be saved.
 - d. There is another warning in this book that we need to focus on for a moment.
 - e. It is recorded for us in **Revelation 22:18-19**, *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*
 - f. Apparently, modern Bible translators fail to read or heed the aforementioned verses.
4. **It is not a sealed book.**
- a. In **Daniel 12:9**, God told Daniel, *And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.*
 - b. John is told, *And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. Revelation 22:10*
5. **It is a series of visions expressed in symbols that deal with reality.**
- a. The literal interpretation is always preferred unless John makes it clear that we are to do otherwise.
 - b. It is like a main station, such as the airport in Atlanta, where many planes from different cities converge. **Revelation** is quite like that where all lines have come from other portions of Scripture.
6. **Revelation does not originate or begin anything. It is the consummation or conclusion of all things.**
- a. The Lord Jesus Christ is the subject of the book.
 - b. The Church did not begin in the Old Testament. It is first mentioned in **Matthew 16:18**, *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*
 - c. The Church was not built on Peter; it was built upon the Lord Jesus Christ. **Deuteronomy 32:4**, *He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he. 1 Corinthians 10:4*, *And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*
 - d. The resurrection and translation of the saints is reflected in this book.
 - e. The Great Tribulation, spoken of in **Deuteronomy 4**; God says His people would be in tribulation is reflected in **Revelation**.
 - f. Satan and evil are reflected in this book. **Ezekiel 28:11-18**, *Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying. 12: Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13: Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the*

jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of the tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared **in thee in the day that thou wast created.** **14:** *Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: **thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.** **15:** **Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.** **16:** **By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned:** therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. **17:** **Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness:** I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. **18.** **Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thy traffic:** therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.*

- g. The “man of sin” is Satan himself. Keep in mind the satanic trinity is composed of The Dragon, The Beast and The False Prophet.
- h. The course and end of apostasy; of Christendom, is reflected in this book.
- i. The beginning course and the end of time for the Gentiles are reflected in this book.
- j. The Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is talked about in the **Book of Revelation.**
- k. Israel's covenant, beginning with the covenant that God made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is reflected in this book.
- l. The Church is not mentioned anymore after **Chapter 3.**
- m. Beginning with **Chapter 4,** everything is future.
- n. This book is easy to understand as John was told in **Revelation 1:19** to write, *Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be.*
- o. Some themes in the **Book of Revelation** are:
 1. **The end of earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life.**
 2. **The Bride of Christ (The Church) shall spend eternity with God in the New Jerusalem.**
 3. Unbelievers will spend eternity with Satan in the Lake of Fire.
 4. **God desires everyone to trust in His Son for redemption today.**
 5. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all come to the knowledge of the truth. **2 Peter 3:9,** *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the May 20, 2018 Morning Message for the Introduction.

3. FIVE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

e. Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.

1. **Revelation 19:9-10**, *And he saith unto me, Write, **Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.*** *And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. **10:** And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*
2. Only God is worthy of our worship. Jesus Christ is God. **1 Timothy 3:16**, *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*
3. We have talked about The Marriage of the Lamb, now we are introduced to The Marriage Supper of the Lamb.
4. **The Marriage of the Lamb takes place in Heaven. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb will take place upon earth.**
5. The Church will be there, the Old Testament saints will be there, The Tribulation saints will attend. A picture of this supper is recorded for us in **Matthew 25:1-13**, *Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. **2:** And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. **3:** They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: **4:** But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. **5:** While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. **6:** And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. **7:** Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. **8:** And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. **9:** But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. **10:** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. **11:** Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. **12:** But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. **13:** Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*
6. The Bridegroom will return to earth for The Marriage Supper; this supper will last at least a thousand years. Praise God!
7. We also find another picture of this scene in **Psalms 45**. In **verse 12**, both the Israelites and the Gentiles who enter the Millennium are invited as guests to The Marriage Supper of the Lamb. **Psalms 45:12**, *And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.*
8. How would you like for the honeymoon and the marriage supper to last for a thousand years? It is truly an exciting time in the Word of God.
9. After the Judgment Seat of Christ and The Marriage of the Lamb in Heaven Jesus Christ will physically return to earth.
10. When He returns, He will return to the Mount of Olives as He said He would.

f. And I saw heaven opened.

1. **Revelation 19:11-12**, ***And I saw heaven opened,** and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness*

he doth judge and make war. **12:** *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*

2. This is a glorious picture of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
3. If we remember, in **Revelation 6:2** there was the rider of a white horse that many have said is the Lord Jesus; it was not it was The Anti-Christ. *And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*
4. Here **Chapter 19** there is a clear indication that it is the Son of God who went to the cross and paid the penalty for our sin.
5. In **Chapter 4 thru 18**, we have seen that in the midst of God's judgment is a very frightful period. Now we find the Lord Jesus Christ coming to earth to stop the battle.
6. He comes back to stop the battle because unless He returned there would be no flesh left to save. **Matthew 24:22**, *And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*
7. There is no manger scene here; He is coming back as King of kings and Lord of lords.
8. He has come to judge and make war. He has not come to die on the cross here. *"called Faithful and True,"* - We will always find truth in the Lord Jesus Christ. **John 14:6**, *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
9. There are names given to Him, although this name is hidden. *"he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself."* - This means He is King of kings corresponds with the **Book of Matthew**; faithful and true corresponds with the **Book of Mark** where He is presented as a servant of God; in the **Book of Luke** He is the perfect man and in the **Book of John** He is known as the Word of God.
10. The **Book of John** starts off by telling us that in the beginning was the Word and the Word was God. **John 1:1**, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
11. There is no question that this is the Saviour that we know. **Philippians 3:10**, *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;*
12. **John 14:7-9**, *If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. 8: Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9: Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?*
13. Jesus, in His High Priestly prayer said. **John 17:3**, *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*
14. The name is obscure here, but we know Him as the Saviour of the world; the King of the universe is about to assume his throne.

g. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood.

1. **Revelation 19:13-16**, *And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14: And the armies which were in heaven*

followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. **15:** And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **16:** And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

2. "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." – this is reflected in our church.
3. "the winepress of the fierceness" – This is a picture that takes us back to **Isaiah 63:1-6**, *Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. 2: Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? 3: I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. 4: For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. 5: And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. 6: And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.*
4. Obviously, this refers to the Lord Jesus Christ. Not at His first coming but at His second coming.
5. "and he shall rule them with a rod of iron:" - takes us back to **Psalms 2:6-9**, *Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. 7: I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8: Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9: Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*
6. This is the wrath side of Jesus Christ. He has both a love side, reflected in **John 3:16**, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* and a wrath side.

h. And I saw an angel standing in the sun.

1. **Revelation 19:17-18**, **And I saw an angel standing in the sun;** *and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 18: That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.*
2. This is a very nauseating time as we see the results of the Battle of Armageddon.
3. This is the second feast that the Lord Jesus Christ talks about. It is not The Marriage Supper of the Lamb it is a cannibalistic feast.
4. We can see the Lake of Fire is opened for the first time.
5. Those of you who are with us in our study on Wednesday nights know that there are various elements in the lower parts of the earth. To name a few: The Angels in the Chains of Darkness, hell is divided into two compartments – The

Paradise Side which is now closed and The Hell side which is the place of torment that hold the unrighteous until The Day of Judgment.

6. We also know there is The Bottomless Pit where the locust and the Beast came out of and now we are reflecting on the Lake of Fire. It has not been opened before until this time.

i. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth.

1. **Revelation 19:19-21**, **And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth**, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. **20:** *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.* **21:** *And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.*
2. This sword is none other than the Word of God.
3. We also find that The Beast and false prophets defy God right up until the very end.
4. **Psalms 2:4**, *He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.*
5. The question I ask you, is The Lake of Fire literal? There is no question that it is. It is a literal fire that burns with fire and brimstone.
6. We must understand that we cannot spiritualize the Word of God.
7. How are they destroyed? They are destroyed with the Word of God. **Hebrews 4:12**, *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*
8. In order to have success and defeat The Devil God tells us in **Ephesians 6:17**, *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*
9. The sword is the Word of God. **Isaiah 11:4**, *But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.*
10. The sword comes from the mouth of the Lord Jesus Christ and is the Word of God. That goes back to the **Book of John** where it says in the beginning was the Word. **John 1:1-5 and 14**, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2: The same was in the beginning with God. 3: All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4: In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5: And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 14: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

4. CONCLUSION

- a. It is amazing that we finish with the verse that tells us that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. God was manifested in the flesh.
- b. Do you know the Saviour? If you do not know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, you are opening yourself up to go through this horrible tribulation period.
- c. If you do not pass through this tribulation period, you will die without Christ, when your body is raised to reunite with your spirit you will go to the Great White Throne Judgment and you will be consigned to the Lake of Fire where the beast and the false prophets are. This is the final judgment of the unbeliever and there is no way out for all eternity. **Revelation 20:14**, *And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.* **Revelation 22:11**, *He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.* Purgatory is false doctrine.
- d. We praise God for what He has done for us.
- e. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- f. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- g. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- h. Would you please stand?

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