



PART 5: THE MARRIAGE FEAST

Sermon Notes

Text: Revelation 19:1-10

Intro:

Celebration is an important part of the Christian Life

The Journey throughout Revelation is to give insight into our position of victory over the world's political and religious systems.

Have you taken the step of believing in Jesus and accepting the 'clothes of righteousness' that Jesus purchased for you?

Are you understanding the importance of interpreting the book of Revelation by discovering the patterns of Scripture that would have been understood by the audience to which it was initially written - rather than viewing it as some hidden code only to be unlocked by current events?

1. The Expression 'Hallelujah' and it's use in Scripture

Psalms 113-118 were sung by the Israelites to celebrate their deliverance from Egypt during the passover celebration.

Do you think that it is significant that this expression is saved for use in celebrating our 'Deliverance' from the evil world powers found in Revelation?

It is interesting that the Children of Israel first celebrated the passover PRIOR to their actual deliverance from Egypt.

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Likewise we celebrate our Victory and Deliverance today even though we have not yet arrived to our new home!

2. Marriage Customs of the 1st Century in Israel

Did the explanation of the customs surrounding marriage in Jesus time on earth help you to better understand the 'unfolding' plan that is laid out for the church, the Bride of Christ?

What step in our 'marriage' to Christ are we now in?

(Engagement - Preparation - Wedding Feast)

3. Have you received the fine linen mentioned in Rev 19:8?

What does it mean to be made righteous?

Scripture says that all my righteousness is as 'filthy rags' so what would be the results of me depending on 'my' good deeds to be acceptable to God? (Isaiah 64:6)

4. We are called to Worship ONLY GOD

When John fell at this feet to worship the angel God had sent, what did the angel say to John? Rev 19:10

Do we all face the temptation to worship created beings or religious symbols, etc?

What things are the greatest temptation today in our culture when it comes to worship?

Conclusion:

Our future is secure in the midst of whatever trial we may face when Jesus is our focus of worship!

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Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Share with your group what spoke to you about the message of Revelation 19:1-10
2. What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. How important is this portion of Scripture (19:1-10) in our understanding of the rest of Revelation?
2. Do we, as Christians, have GOOD NEWS? If so, how important is it that we share it with the world? What are some ways that you can do that where you live?
3. Do you feel it is important to study the Old Testament patterns and symbols to better understand the truth expressed in the New Testament?
4. Whenever the Jewish people of the O.T. failed to seek God with their 'whole' heart, they fell into the worship of idols. What are some of the 'idols' we worship today?

Application:

1. How can you (individually) and (as a LifeGroup) assist in the preparation of the Bride for the coming of the Bridegroom?

Prayer:

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