



Building Wholehearted Disciples of Jesus

The Greatest Feast with the Greatest Warrior

Revelation 19

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Introduction:

- The next 4 chapters are the highlight of Revelation.
- After many months looking at God's judgment upon the earth, we now enter some of the most moving passages in scripture.
- The next four chapters take us up into the heavenlies!

Revelation 19:1

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

- Hallelujah
 - o The transliteration of this Hebrew word is mentioned 4 times in this chapter and this is the only place in the English Bible where it is found.
 - o It is used 24 times in the Old Testament but is always translated "Praise the Lord."
 - o This may be a heavenly dialect.
 - o And it is the only word that really fits what is happening.
- "after these things" there is great rejoicing for finally the city of Babylon and the system of Babylon has been judged.
- All of creation has been waiting for this since the fall of Adam and Eve.

- **Romans 8:19-21**

19For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. NKJV

- For thousands of years, all of creation: the angels, the bees, the birds and the animals have all been waiting expectantly and excitedly for the final revealing of the sons of men!
- It could be that the “loud voice” is all of the raptured saints, the seraphim, the cherubim, and all of creation rejoicing with Alleluia’s shouting out “Salvation and glory and honor and power.”

Revelation 19:2

***for his judgements are true and just;
for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”***

- For example, so often we struggle with the tough questions of this life, especially when we go to Penrose or Memorial and we see the child with leukemia or someone dying because a drunk driver hit them and I am faced with questions, “Why did this happen? Why didn’t God do something?” All I can say is “I don’t know, but I do know one thing: God is love and He does have a loving plan even for this”
- God’s judgments are “true and righteous.”
- The Salvation...The Glory...The Honor...The Power is all of His...everything in heaven now agrees!
- We can now see that all those questions we have had are being answered:
 - o Why the cancers?

- o Why the pain and agony of our children?
 - o Why the unfairness of life?
 - o Why did I lose everything?
 - o Why, why, why?
- All of our questions will be answered and we will only be able to say: Salvation, Glory, Honor and Power are Yours O' Lord!

Revelation 19:3-5

³Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever." ⁴And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" ⁵And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

- Everything is joining in!
- A great combination in those who are servants and fear God.
 - o We have many who try to define what fear means, and we tend to try and cushion its meaning: reverence and awe, but the root of the word means "fear"!
 - o The Bible says, "The fear of the Lord is clean."
 - o For example, if you had a good dad, you had a healthy fear of him. Remember saying, "Don't tell dad!"?
 - o This is not a fear of torment as John says but there is a healthy fear of God.

Revelation 19:6

The I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God reigns."

- Finally He is reigning over all.

- He is sovereign and omnipotent. Nothing has ever escaped His notice and compassion.
- Then we will understand why He did what He did.
- We are the bride being presented to Christ.

Revelation 19:7

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

- Now is the marriage feast with the Lamb. The culmination of everything we long for.
- Hebrew weddings consisted of three parts:
 1. Betrothal and each of you were betrothed to Christ when you gave your hearts to Him and believed by faith.
 2. Presentation, the festivities preceding the ceremony. We will be presented to Him at the rapture.

♣ John 14:1-3

¹"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. NKJV

3. The Ceremony and Banquet...and this is the banquet, the final marriage of the church and Christ.
- We will be holy and right, it will be the day we have always been longing for.

- It is the answer to our prayers: “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven...For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever.”
- This is the answer to every question! Liberty and justice for all.
- It will be a day of reunions for:
 - o The children who have died
 - o Granddaddy
 - o Grandmother
 - o Mom and Dad
 - o Close friends

 - o And we will be sitting down at the banquet and we will look over and say, “hey what’s your name?” and he says, “Moses” and you say “Naw, get out!”

 - o Matthew, Mark, Luke and John...Whitfield, Moody and Luther.

 - o Husbands and wives falling into each other’s arms, who fought their whole life, apologizing.

Revelation :8

it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”- for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

- We are washed in the blood of the lamb.
- You are righteous because on your account is the righteousness of Christ.
- But our works will be remembered too and our righteous acts!
 - o “Springs Initiative.”
 - o Leading a D group, a C Group.
 - o Giving of your finances for this building and the mission of The Road.
 - o Helping in children’s ministry.

- o Mentoring.
 - o Ushering, greeting, parking lot duty.
 - o Parenting your kids.
- This does not mean the scope of ministry but the faithfulness to what God had given us to do.
 - o We might be surprised by how God rewards. It will not be the results but the faithfulness of our work.
 - o We will all have the opportunity to receive the same rewards as Billy Graham, Spurgeon and Moody. The question is “How faithful have you been with what God has given you today?”
 - What are you doing to prepare for the wedding day with the lamb?
 - For example, the bride is consumed with preparation for her wedding (the candles...the music...the dress...etc.) but as Christians, we often become so consumed with everything but that day. As His bride, shouldn't we be preparing for that day?
 - Revelation 19 is our Wedding Announcement
 - Live your life in anticipation of the wedding feast.
 - If you are not a believer in Christ, you are being invited to the wedding feast.

Revelation 19:9-10

⁹And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." ¹⁰Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

- Your personal testimony, your story of redemption in Christ, is the spirit of prophecy.
- You are prophesying every time you share Jesus with someone.

Revelation 19:11

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

- This is a white stallion!
- For example, in Two Towers (Lord of the Rings Trilogy), I so loved that part when Gandolph and his beautiful and powerful horse, Asophath, with the armies of Rohan, come to rescue the city of Helms Deep.
- This is the glory of God! Christ as a warrior.
- In ancient times a conquering warrior prince would enter on a white horse.
 - We tend to think of Jesus as the loving shepherd, and that is one side of who He is.
 - But He is also a warrior who is coming to rescue His land, His property, His people.
 - **Exodus 15:3**
The LORD is a warrior;
The LORD is His name.
 - **Isaiah 42:13**
The LORD shall go forth like a warrior;
He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war.
He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud;
He shall prevail against His enemies.
 - **Jeremiah 20:11**

***But the LORD is with me as a mighty warrior
Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and will not
prevail.***

- This all may seem difficult to understand how our loving savior can come as a mighty warrior.
- Imagine someone trying to molest one of your children? You would fight as a warrior to protect and defend them!! People would see another side of you wouldn't they?
 - It is not cool today to see Christ as masculine and strong, we like Him meek and lowly.
 - He is judging evil in righteousness.
 - He is dependable and faithful and He is going to strike down the evil of this world.
 - He judges and makes war!!

Revelation 19:12-16

¹²His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on the white horses. ¹⁵From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Very interesting contrast with his first coming.

- In His first coming His eyes were full of tears. In His Second coming His eyes will be like flames of fire.
- In His first coming He rode in on a donkey. In His Second Coming He will ride in on a white stallion.

- In His first coming He comes as a servant-meek and mild but in His Second Coming He comes a warrior-fierce and mighty.
- In His first coming He comes with a crown of thorns. In His Second Coming, He comes with many “stephanos,” many kingly crowns upon His head.
- In His first coming He comes with a body stripped and bloodied by His executioners. In His Second Coming, He comes with His robe dipped in the blood of the evil kings and despots who have been slaughtered.
- In His first coming, He dies alone on a hill. In His Second Coming He brings with Him all of the armies of heaven.
- In His first coming, He utters not a word and lets Himself be killed. In His Second Coming a two-edged sword comes forth from His mouth to strike the nations.
- In His first coming, the symbol of His reign is a shepherd’s crook but in His Second Coming, the symbol of His reign is a Rod of Iron.
- In His first coming, the Romans gave him names upon a placard at the top of a cross. In His Second Coming, His name will be written by God the Father on His vestments: King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
- What a contrast!! What a mighty warrior!!
- His name is called “The Word of God.”
 - o John gives us help when He said,
 - **John 1:1-5**
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of

men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

- The logos, the living Word, became flesh and dwelt among us: living, joyful, powerful and relational.
- The Word hung out with us! The Word of God knows us.
- It is hard to divide up the living and written Word of God:
 - o because the written word is “living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword.”
 - o And the living Word is living and active through the Holy Spirit in our lives!
 - o The Word of God is a person: from Genesis to Revelation. Jesus is everywhere in the Word.
 - o **John 5:39-40**
 - o ***39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.***
 - o And that is why when you read the Word it reads you!
 - o The lens which we look at scriptures through is not primarily doctrine (though that is very important), not primarily promises (though it is important), not primarily principles, (though that is important) but it is JESUS.
 - o Look at verse 15 shows how powerful Jesus is through the Word of God. Why churches choose to not teach God’s Word expositionally is baffling to me! It is so powerful.

Revelation 19:17-21

17Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, **18**to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.” **19**And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. **20**And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. **21**And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

- All of mankind is fighting God and this is Armageddon, the first and last time that the whole earth does something together!
- Missiles, bombs, armies in place and nuclear weapons all are there.
- And then Jesus shows up from the sky!!
- So we have another supper! Five times “flesh” is mentioned.
- This is not the supper you want to be at! You want to be at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb.
- Jesus describes this scene in Matthew.
- The only glory and light will emanating from Him!
- The sky will split open. The Mount of Olives will be split in two as He touches it, descending through the valley of Kidron with

His mighty army, the valley deep with the blood of the nations and He will come through the Eastern gate and up to the Temple Mount area and stand as King.

- “Lift up your heads O you gates, lift up your heads you ancient doors, that the king of glory may come in. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord mighty in battle.”
- He will dismount there and millions will dismount behind him and the clouds will clear and the only sound will be the horses and millions of swords being put back in the sheafs and all of us will bow to a knee and worship Him.
- All of us will bow and the horses and every tongue and every celestial being will confess that “Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.”

If you align yourself with the values and vision of this world it is written that you are destined to eternal destruction and eternal suffering!

But if you choose to align yourself with the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, you are destined to eternal glory.

- For example, in Hebrew tradition, the groom, in preparation for his marriage would be building an addition on the house to get ready to take his bride. He was preparing a place, just as Jesus said, “I go to prepare a place for you...a mansion for us.”
- When the day of the wedding came, anytime during that day, in the 24 hour period, the groom could come and get the bride.
- The bride had to be ready since she did not know when he was going to come.
- In the Hebrew tradition, the day began at sundown, it did not begin at sunup.

- So, once the sun went down most grooms, because they had waited and were pure and since they were excited about the passion of their wedding night wouldn't wait long after it got dark.
- So, you had to have oil for your lamps to be ready for the groom to come.
- The groomsmen would come and they would blow a trumpet and come with a great shout.
- And the groom would take her back to his father's house and there he would take the veil off her face and lay it on his shoulder and say, "Behold the government shall be on His shoulders" and he would take the bride in and be intimate with her while everyone was at the feast.
- And the depending on the wealth of the father was the length of the feast. For some it was day and for some it was a week or longer.
- Depending on the wealth of our Father,,,His wedding feast will go for 1000 years!

- **Luke 14:15-23**

¹⁵Jesus said, "Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!" ¹⁶Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, ¹⁷and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'¹⁸ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'¹⁹ And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' (BUSINESS AND BUSYNESS) ²⁰Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' (RELATIONSHIPS) ²¹So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into

the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.²²' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'²³ Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'

- Come to Christ...there is still room for you.