



From 1.13.19 Sermon
Revelation 19—Part 2
Verses 7-10

Read *Revelation 19:6-10*

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: the fifth reason for the hallelujahs is given = the marriage of the Lamb/Bride has come. Ancient Middle Eastern weddings were very different than our Western/American ones. They were prearranged. The engagement was just as binding as ceremony. They lasted for up to a week. The Groom was the main character.

Homework: "Context" (page 115) & Question 3 (page 123)

Someone Read "The Context" (page 115)

3. What is "the marriage of the Lamb"? The third and final phase of Christ's redemption of the elect. Chosen and engaged at our election and calling, we are then united with Him, seeing Him for the first time, and taken to where He is from then on.

Going Further

Who are the members of this wedding party?

Father of the Groom: _____ See *John 10:29*
Groom: _____ See *Luke 5:34-35*
Father of the Bride: _____ See *2 Corinthians 11:2 & 1 Corinthians 4:15*
Bride: _____ See *Ephesians 5:25-27*
Invited Guests: _____ See *Matthew 8:11 & John 3:29*

The Ephesians 5 passage, from above, clearly teaches that the Bride is the Church. Continue reading the passage. Point out and discuss other truths it reveals about Christ and His Church. Read *Ephesians 5:25-32*. Various personal observations. But, include: Christ cares for us as His own. So joined are we, that we are the body of Christ (members). For Him to deny the Church would be to deny Himself. He purifies us to make us worthy. He gave Himself for us and continues to love, intercede, and provide. Our connection to Him is both intimate and permanent.

What is the modern/cultural view of marriage? Various answers: taken very lightly. Replaceable/disposable if I don't like it/unhappy. Civil union vs. religious covenant. Any two can enter marriage—same sex, different faith, no need for approval/blessing. Convenient—tax purposes, image, escape from home...No God-ordained authority in home/marriage.

How does this make understanding Revelation 19 more challenging for us than previous generations of Christians? Various personal answers. Christ is the head. We are not equals in the marriage. We have to stop and remember how God views marriage. Taking care to not think Jesus will dump us for someone "better". Viewing ourselves as priceless to Him. Marriage love is not just a feeling, but actions...

On Sunday, what was mentioned as being our spiritual engagement ring? _____
See *2 Corinthians 1:21-22*

How does that truth help you in your daily walk with Him?