

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) In Revelation 19, the Great Tribulation has come to a close.
- b) Revelation 19:7
 - i) The “wife” mentioned in this passage is the church of the Lord Jesus.
 - ii) God chose a marriage to illustrate the moment when we become one with our Lord.
- c) The marriage of the Lamb will be a joyful event when, at the rapture, we are caught up to meet the Lord Jesus Christ in the air.
 - i) We do not know when this moment will occur.
 - ii) It is a time known only to God the Father.
 - (1) In the marriage of the Lamb, it is the Father who sets the wedding date.
 - (2) Matthew 25:12-13
 - (a) Anyone who claims to know the time and date when Jesus is coming again is bordering on heresy.
- d) At any moment, Jesus may come.
 - i) We are not waiting on any prophecies to be fulfilled before the rapture can take place.
- e) After the rapture of the church takes place, the judgment seat of Christ occurs and then the marriage of the Lamb.
- f) There are several things we learn about the marriage of the Lamb from this passage in Revelation.

2) THE MUSIC WILL BE MAGNIFICENT (Revelation 19:1-6)

- a) The wedding music will be the Hallelujah Chorus.
 - i) “Hallelujah” is used four times in these six verses.
 - (1) It is included in four mighty stanzas that the apostle John wrote by divine revelation.
 - (2) Whenever we say “hallelujah,” we are saying “Praise the Lord.”
 - (a) “Halle” means “praise.”
 - (b) “Jah” means “Jehovah.”
 - (3) The only time the word “Hallelujah” is used in the New Testament is in this chapter in Revelation.
 - ii) We also find the word “Amen” used in Revelation 19.
 - (1) “Amen” means “let it be.”
 - iii) The words “Hallelujah” and “Amen” mean the same in every language; they do not have to be translated.
- b) Stanza one is the redemption of the saints.
 - i) Revelation 19:1
 - ii) They are singing Hallelujah because that which was begun at Calvary is now come to full consummation.
 - (1) Philippians 1:6
 - iii) This is the day of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - iv) There is a great multitude of people present.

- (1) There will be millions and billions of people in Heaven.
 - c) Stanza two is the retribution of the sinner.
 - i) Revelation 19:2-3
 - ii) They praise the Lord God for He has made things right, His justice has prevailed and He has avenged those who were persecuted down through the ages.
 - (1) If we look for judgment and justice in this world, we will not find it.
 - (a) But one day we will say, "Hallelujah."
 - (b) There is a God who will make it all right.
 - iii) They sing "Hallelujah" for the retribution of sin, of God over Satan, of Christ over antichrist and of the Holy Spirit over the false prophet.
 - d) Stanza three is the relationship of the saved.
 - i) Revelation 19:4-5
 - ii) He is our God.
 - (1) Psalm 23:1
 - (a) He is not just a good shepherd or a great shepherd, but He is my shepherd.
 - iii) I am His, and He is mine.
 - e) Stanza four is the reign of the Savior.
 - i) Revelation 19:6
 - (1) The voice of a great multitude is more than the roar of an enthusiastic crowd in a great football stadium.
 - (2) The voice of many waters is more than the tumultuous sound of the rushing waters of Niagara Falls.
 - (3) Mighty thunderings is the sound of thunder rolling up and down the heavens.
 - (4) Combine the voice of a great multitude, the voice of many waters and the mighty thunderings, and that is what this fourth stanza will sound like.
 - ii) This mighty sound and stanza is because Jesus is reigning.
 - (1) Every knee shall bow, and the shouts of His praise will be throughout all of Heaven.
- 3) THE BRIDE WILL BE BEAUTIFUL (Revelation 19:7-8)
- a) The bride is the true church of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - i) At this point in the timeline, the judgment of the false church, the harlot, has already taken place; and now the bride of Christ is being presented to the Lord Jesus.
 - (1) Currently, we are betrothed to the Lord Jesus; the marriage is yet to come.
 - b) 2 Corinthians 11:2
 - i) The true church is the dearest object in all the universe to our Lord and Savior.
 - (1) We know this from human experience.

- (2) The relationship between a husband and wife is only a faint representation of the love that Jesus Christ has for us.
 - c) The bride, the true church, has made herself beautiful and ready.
 - i) How do we make ourselves beautiful and ready?
 - (1) We get saved.
 - (a) If you are not saved, then you are not part of the bride.
 - (b) Being saved is known as redemption.
 - (c) At redemption, we receive the inner nature of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (2) Not only redemption, but rapture.
 - (a) When the rapture comes, we will be changed in a moment; we will be made like the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (i) All of the sinful proclivities of the old flesh will be left behind.
 - (3) Reward will make us ready.
 - (a) At the judgment seat of Christ, we will receive rewards according to the deeds that we have done.
 - (b) Revelation 19:8
- 4) THE GUESTS WILL BE GLAD (Revelation 19:9)
 - a) There will be guests at the wedding other than the bride.
 - i) These guests are the redeemed of all the ages who were saved before or after the church age.
 - (1) The church is the bride of Christ.
 - ii) The Old Testament saints are not the bride but are guests.
 - b) John the Baptist called himself a friend of the Bridegroom, but he is not the bride.
 - i) John 3:29
 - ii) Matthew 11:11
 - (1) The church is greater than John the Baptist.
 - (2) There is a sense in which the church is specially privileged.
 - c) At Cana of Galilee, Jesus performed His first recorded miracle at a wedding.
 - i) John 2:1-10
 - ii) At the marriage of the Lamb, Jesus will be the bridegroom, the host, and He is going to set the table.
 - (1) What a celebration it will be, and it is perhaps just a heartbeat or trumpet sound away.
- 5) THE GROOM WILL BE GLORIFIED (Revelation 19:10)
 - a) This wedding doesn't center around the bride but around the groom.
 - b) In Revelation 19:10, the angel warns John not to worship him.
 - i) John made a social blunder when he fell at the angel's feet to worship him.
 - ii) The Bible tells us that there is only one who is to be worshipped: God.
 - (1) Over and over again in Scripture, we find that Jesus Christ is worshipped.

- (a) Jesus is worshipped with approval, and Jesus Himself allows it.
 - (2) Jesus Christ is God.
 - c) The spirit of prophecy is Jesus Christ.
 - i) If we read the book of the Revelation and do not come to know and love Jesus more, then we've missed it all.
 - ii) It is the revelation, the unveiling, of Jesus Christ.
 - (1) A false religion will tell you to believe something.
 - (2) A true Christian will ask you to receive someone, and His name is Jesus.
 - d) At the marriage supper of the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified.
- 6) CONCLUSION
 - a) We love the Lord Jesus, not because we've seen Him, but because the Holy Spirit has made Him real to us.
 - b) Genesis 24
 - i) Abraham is a type, a picture, of God the Father; Isaac is a type, a picture, of Jesus Christ.
 - ii) Abraham wanted a bride for his son, Isaac; he sent Eliezer, his chief servant, to go find Isaac a bride.
 - (1) This is a picture of the Holy Spirit winning souls and bringing people into the church; the bride for the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - iii) Eliezer found Rebecca, and Rebecca left her family and home to marry a man she had never seen.
 - (1) Abraham had given Eliezer gifts and jewels to give to Rebecca.
 - (2) 1 Peter 1:8
 - iv) When Rebecca saw Isaac for the first time, she had no trouble recognizing him.
 - (1) When Jesus comes, we will have no trouble recognizing Him, either.
 - c) The wedding is not far off.
 - i) Matthew 25:6
 - ii) If you are not yet saved, Jesus Christ has already said "I do" to you; will you say "I do" to Him?
 - iii) If you are saved, remain faithful to Jesus; it may not be long until we meet Him.
 - d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
 - e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16