**SERMON OUTLINE**

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| **SERMON TITLE:** | The Marriage of the Lamb |
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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. In Revelation 19, the Great Tribulation has come to a close.
   2. Revelation 19:7
      1. The “wife” mentioned in this passage is the church of the Lord Jesus.
      2. God chose a marriage to illustrate the moment when we become one with our Lord.
   3. 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.
      1. We do not know when this moment will occur.
      2. 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
            1. Anyone who claims to know the time and date when Jesus is coming again is bordering on heresy.
   4. At any moment, Jesus may come.
      1. We are not waiting on any prophecies to be fulfilled before the rapture can take place.
   5. After the rapture of the church takes place, the judgment seat of Christ occurs and then the marriage of the Lamb.
   6. 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)
   1. The wedding music will be the Hallelujah Chorus.
      1. “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.”
            1. “Halle” means “praise.”
            2. “Jah” means “Jehovah.”
         3. The only time the word “Hallelujah” is used in the New Testament is in this chapter in Revelation.
      2. We also find the word “Amen” used in Revelation 19.
         1. “Amen” means “let it be.”
      3. The words “Hallelujah” and “Amen” mean the same in every language; they do not have to be translated.
   2. Stanza one is the redemption of the saints.
      1. Revelation 19:1
      2. They are singing Hallelujah because that which was begun at Calvary is now come to full consummation.
         1. Philippians 1:6
      3. This is the day of the Lord Jesus Christ.
      4. There is a great multitude of people present.
         1. There will be millions and billions of people in Heaven.
   3. Stanza two is the retribution of the sinner.
      1. Revelation 19:2-3
      2. 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.
            1. But one day we will say, “Hallelujah.”
            2. There is a God who will make it all right.
      3. 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.
   4. Stanza three is the relationship of the saved.
      1. Revelation 19:4-5
      2. He is our God.
         1. Psalm 23:1
            1. He is not just a good shepherd or a great shepherd, but He is my shepherd.
      3. I am His, and He is mine.
   5. Stanza four is the reign of the Savior.
      1. 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.
      2. 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)
   1. The bride is the true church of the Lord Jesus Christ.
      1. 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.
   2. 2 Corinthians 11:2
      1. 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.
   3. The bride, the true church, has made herself beautiful and ready.
      1. How do we make ourselves beautiful and ready?
         1. We get saved.
            1. If you are not saved, then you are not part of the bride.
            2. Being saved is known as redemption.
            3. At redemption, we receive the inner nature of the Lord Jesus Christ.
         2. Not only redemption, but rapture.
            1. When the rapture comes, we will be changed in a moment; we will be made like the Lord Jesus Christ.

All of the sinful proclivities of the old flesh will be left behind.

* + - 1. Reward will make us ready.
         1. At the judgment seat of Christ, we will receive rewards according to the deeds that we have done.
         2. Revelation 19:8

1. THE GUESTS WILL BE GLAD (Revelation 19:9)
   1. There will be guests at the wedding other than the bride.
      1. 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.
      2. The Old Testament saints are not the bride but are guests.
   2. John the Baptist called himself a friend of the Bridegroom, but he is not the bride.
      1. John 3:29
      2. Matthew 11:11
         1. The church is greater than John the Baptist.
         2. There is a sense in which the church is specially privileged.
   3. At Cana of Galilee, Jesus performed His first recorded miracle at a wedding.
      1. John 2:1-10
      2. 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.
2. THE GROOM WILL BE GLORIFIED (Revelation 19:10)
   1. This wedding doesn’t center around the bride but around the groom.
   2. In Revelation 19:10, the angel warns John not to worship him.
      1. John made a social blunder when he fell at the angel’s feet to worship him.
      2. 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.
            1. Jesus is worshipped with approval, and Jesus Himself allows it.
         2. Jesus Christ is God.
   3. The spirit of prophecy is Jesus Christ.
      1. If we read the book of the Revelation and do not come to know and love Jesus more, then we’ve missed it all.
      2. 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.
   4. At the marriage supper of the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified.
3. CONCLUSION
   1. We love the Lord Jesus, not because we’ve seen Him, but because the Holy Spirit has made Him real to us.
   2. Genesis 24
      1. Abraham is a type, a picture, of God the Father; Isaac is a type, a picture, of Jesus Christ.
      2. 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.
      3. 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
      4. 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.
   3. The wedding is not far off.
      1. Matthew 25:6
      2. If you are not yet saved, Jesus Christ has already said “I do” to you; will you say “I do” to Him?
      3. If you are saved, remain faithful to Jesus; it may not be long until we meet Him.
   4. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   5. 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.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16