

Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Revelation 19:1-9

I. Celebration in Heaven

A. Exclamation of Praise

- “Alleluia” – praise ye Jehovah (19:1, 3, 4, 6)
- “Praise our God” (19:5)

B. Exaltation of Christ

- His judgments are true and righteous (19:2).
- He has judged Babylon (19:2).
- He has avenged the blood of His servants (19:2)

II. The Marriage of the Lamb

A. The Wedding Announcement (19:6-7)

1. The Worthy Lamb
 - *“Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to Him” (19:7)*

2. The Prepared Bride
 - *“His wife hath made herself ready” (19:7-8)*

B. The Marriage (19:7-9) — see chart on next page

1. The Arrangement
2. The Fetching of the Bride
3. The Marriage Ceremony
4. The Marriage Feast

III. Preparation for the Marriage Supper

A. A Proper Wedding Garment: “fine linen clean and white” (Rev. 19:8; Matt. 22:1-14).

B. The Mark of Preparedness: “righteous acts of saints” (Rev. 19:7-8).

C. Qualities that Endure the Testing Fire of the Judgment Seat (1Cor. 3:11-15; 13:13)

1. Faith – absolute dependence on God and His Word (Heb. 11:1, 6)
2. Hope – confident expectation that God will keep His Word even in the face of trials (Rom. 5:3-5)
3. Love - the preeminent motivation for all of life (Matt. 22:37-40)

NOTES

UNDERSTANDING THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

| Four Stages* | Jewish Marriage System | Christ & the Church |
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| Arrangement | The father made the arrangement and paid the “bride price.” | God the Father made the arrangement for the Bride. The bride price was the blood of the Messiah (Eph. 5:25-27). |
| Fetching of the Bride | After an extended period of time, the groom went to the bride’s home to bring her to his home. The father of the groom determined when the fetching would occur; it was only after the groom had a place prepared for her. | At the determination of the Father, Jesus will come and fetch His bride to Himself (Matt. 24:36). The fetching of the Bride occurs at the Rapture (1Thess. 4:13-18), and it will only come after Jesus has the place prepared (John 14:1-3). |
| Marriage Ceremony | The ceremony was preceded by a ritual immersion for cleansing. Only a few were invited to the ceremony. | The mark of the bride’s preparedness is her wedding gown, which is her “righteous acts” (Rev. 19:8). The ceremony will be preceded by the purification of the Judgment Seat of Christ, where the wood, hay, and stubble is burned away and the gold, silver, and precious stones remain (1Cor. 3:11-15). |
| Marriage Feast | Many others not invited to the ceremony were invited to the feast. | While the Marriage ceremony will take place in heaven just before the Second Coming, the marriage feast will presumably take place on earth after the 2nd coming, signaling the beginning of the Christ’s Millennial Reign. OT saints and Tribulation saints resurrected after the Second Coming will join in the wedding feast (Matt. 8:11; 26:29). |

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