

Anticipating Victory

Revelation 19:1-10

Introduction & Review:

Question: Why do people praise and thank God? First, we praise God for his attributes and perfections. Second, we praise God for his mighty works. Third, we praise God for his blessings and that includes the gift of Jesus. Fourth, we praise God for his decisions regarding the expected end of the wicked.

There are 3 'other' reasons in our text; first, God graciously brought salvation and righteously passes judgment (Revelation 19:1-5); second, God governs history and is preparing for the Son's marriage (Revelation 19:6-8); third, God alone is worthy of all praise and glory (Revelation 19:9-10).

Hallelujah = Praise the Lord

Revelation 19:1-5 - God's grace brings salvation and God's righteousness brings judgment

Precept: We should see this as God's people celebrating that God's cause and his righteousness are upheld in the face of withering evil and moral decay.

Revelation 19:6-8 - God governs history and he is preparing for the Son's Marriage

Concept: A prominent metaphor for God and his people is used in these three verses, the bride and the bridegroom (Isaiah 50:1; 54:4-8; Jeremiah 3:20; Hosea 2:16-20) which finds its origin in the Old Testament relationship of God with his people Israel.

"His Bride has made herself ready" speaks of two things. First, she has been faithful to keep her pledge as a chaste virgin, waiting for her groom; and second, she gets her wedding garments from the groom.

Revelation 19:9-10 - God alone is worthy of all praise and glory - If Christ is the bridegroom of the Church, his bride, who are these invited guests? Isaiah 25:6-10

Conclusion: Fanning comments, "The crescendo of praise in v. 6 (along with 11:15-17) provided the inspiration for Handel's immortal "Hallelujah Chorus."

The seven 'beatitudes' of Revelation: Revelation 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7; 22:14 - These beatitudes remind us that God blesses us and that our actions and responses to life can be the very source of those blessings.

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb has two basic elements: First, God's preparations and those preparations involve things on earth and things in heaven. Second, God's preparation of the Bride for his Son by the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.