
Thursday, July 24, 2025 ▪ Read Revelation 19:1–10

Questions from the Scripture text: How does v1 relate, chronologically, to the fall of harlot Babylon? What does John hear? What is this great multitude saying—what four things do they ascribe to Whom in their praise? What two things have demonstrated his (v2)? What has He done to show this about His judgments? What had the harlot done? And what has He done to her? What do they repeat in v3? What do they say about the harlot? Who do what in v4 (cf. 4:10, 5:8)? What do they say? From where does the next voice come (v5)? What does it tell whom to do? Whose voice do we hear in v6? What does it sound like? What is it saying about the Lord? What does it exhort one another to do (v7)? Why—what has come? Who has done what? What will be granted to her (v8)? What is this fine linen? To whom does the one with John now speak (v9)? What does he tell John to do? What is John to write about whom? What does the voice say about what John is writing? How does John respond to the one who says this thing (v10)? But how does this one respond? What does he call himself? Whom does he serve? What do the brethren have? Whom should John worship? Why?

How do we respond to the events of the last day? Revelation 19:1–10 looks forward to the hearing of God's Word, publicly read, in the holy assembly on the coming Lord's Day. In these ten verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **we respond to the events of the last day with great and universal praise unto God.**

We praise God for His truth and righteousness. In His judgments (v2), God has especially shown His truth and righteousness. He has been righteous to the harlot, punishing her corrupting influence (v2a). He has been righteous to the saints, avenging them (v2b). He has been righteous in the extent of the punishment, it being forever and ever (v3).

We praise God for His great acts in His plan of salvation. The worship of the twenty-four elders and four living creatures, in v4, is the third act of the worship in which they lead all of God's great assembly. First it was for creation (cf. 4:10), then it was for redemption (cf. 5:8), and now it is for consummation (v4). We praise the Lord for His mighty acts. We sing the new song unto the Lord, upon the closing chapter of His plan (cf. Ps 96, 98). Indeed, it is the Lord Jesus Himself Who now leads this praise from the throne (v5).

We praise God for His almighty love. It is wonderful that the great display of God's omnipotence (v6) is not the judgment of the harlot but the marriage of the bride to the Lamb (v7). His power has not only delivered her from her guilt, but fitted her for her wedding (end of v7). When you grow in grace, dear saint, your righteous acts become part of the fine linen of the bride (v8)! The Lamb has loved an unworthy bride, betrothed her to Himself, and is fitting her for Himself. Here is the greatest display of almighty power and divine love!

We respond by serving the saints. We must announce the blessed invitation to the marriage supper (v9). Even John's angel guide views himself as servant to those who will inherit salvation (v10, cf. Heb 1:14). But we are "fellow servants," and it should be our desire to be used by God to bring every one of His elect to that wonderful marriage feast!

What is your heart-habit of praise to God for His works? What are you looking forward to on the last day? What is God's greatest display of his power to you, and how are you responding to it? How does the thought of "clothing the bride" incentivize you unto good works? How are you participating in the service to bring all of the saints to the marriage feast?

Sample prayer: Lord, forgive us for when we feel that justice is being neglected. Grant that we would remember the perfect truth and righteousness of Your judgments, that we will see at the last day. And forgive us for how unmindful we are of the marriage supper of the Lamb. Make us to see His love, and come to His feast, and do those righteous acts that are the fine linen of His bride. Forgive us for not serving more in evangelism and discipleship, and use us, as You gather in all Your elect, we ask through Christ, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP98 "O Sing a New Song" or TPH471 "The Sands of Time Are Sinking"

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Revelation 19, verses 1 through 10. These are God's words. After these things, I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and honor and power. Belong to the Lord Our God. For true and righteous are his judgments because he has judged the great Harlot.

Corrupted the Earth with her fornication. And he has Avenged on her the blood of his servants shed by her. Again, they said, Hallelujah, or Smoke Rises up forever and ever. And the 24 Elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God. Who sat on the throne, saying?

Amen. Hallelujah. Then a voice came from the throne, saying, praise Our God. All you, his servants, and those who fear Him, both small and great. And I heard as it were. The voice of a great multitude. Has the sound of many Waters, and as the sand of Mighty thunder and thundering saying?

Hallelujah! For the Lord God, omnipotent Reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice and give him glory for. The marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready. And to her, it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright. For the fine linen is the righteous Act of the Saints.

And then he said to me, right, blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me, these are the true sayings of God, and I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me see that you do not do that.

I'm your fellow servants and of your brethren, who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of Prophecy. Amen. So far, the reading of gods inspired and. And Aaron twerk. When the Harlot is judged, the last day has come. And it is time for.

A new round of Praise. We praise God for his great acts in his Plan of Salvation. As cued here by the four living creatures in the 24 Elders who fall down and worship God, we've seen this. Other times once in chapter 4 and again of creation, and once on in chapter five on account of redemption.

And so, here we have the third time the trifecta. Completed. on account of the consummation, the finishing. Of all things. So, we praise God for his attributes, as shown in his works, particularly. in the Judgment of the Harlot, we praise Him for his truth and righteousness, and in the marriage of the bride.

to the lamb, we praise him for Almighty love. The Judgment of Harlot. We praise him for truth and righteousness. Verse 2 for true and righteous are his judgments, so his truth and his righteousness are shown by his judgments. And this in three different ways. He is true and righteous to the Harlot.

He's corrupting her, punishing her sorry for her corruption, corrupting influence. He has judged the great Harlot, who corrupted the Earth with her fornication so. And punishes her for her fornication. He's also true and righteous with respect to the Saints avenging their blood. You see that in the end of verse 2?

he has Avenged on her the blood of his servants, shred by her. So, there's not just a truth in righteousness toward the Harlot. There's also truth and righteousness toward the Saints. And then there's truth and righteousness towards the.

The greatness of the sin being matched by the greatness of. The punishment. Verse 3. Hallelujah! Her smoke Rises up forever! And ever. And so we praise God for his truth and righteousness. the praise for the last day is not just praising God for his truth and righteousness. It's praising God for his Almighty power.

And the great display of his Almighty power is not the punishing of the Harlot, but the marriage of the bride. Look at verse 6 where this attribute of God has omnipotence. And his reigning are praised. Hallelujah for the Lord God omnipotent? Rains. And this is on account. Verse 7 of the marriage of the lamb.

Having come, and his wife, having made herself ready God's way of displaying his power most in all that he has planned to do. Not by condemning, but by saving it is a greater display of the power of God to save Sinners even. And to punish them. And so he is, he shows himself, Lord God, omnipotent.

And when the marriage of the Lamb comes and the wife is ready, because not only has her guilt been atoned for, which, of course, took the almighty Miracle of the Incarnation and the cross and the resurrection. But she has been conformed. To the sun. She has been fit. for her marriage to the lamb, which is the almighty work of his.

Which produces even righteous acts of the Saints and diverse. 8 there, which is, which are the fine linen? Of the bride. The lamb has loved his unworthy bride. He has betrothed through to himself, and he is right now fitting her for himself. And in the last day when she has been perfected and made ready, it will be the greatest display of both Almighty power.

Love! And so the last day is this day of great praise. And we respond to that in part. By serving the interest in participating in God's work in bringing that praise about. This is what the angel is doing. This Angel is not the one. summons the worship in verse five.

I'm pretty sure the voice is the Lord Jesus is, because, it says, the voice comes from the throne. And the response to praise our God, all you, his servants, those who fear him small and great, is this massive multitude in verse six and Lord Jesus goes from commander-in-chief of the army of Heaven to.

Chief of. Assembly in heaven. but the one who's speaking in verse 9 is the angel that has been John's guide, one of the Angels who had had the Seven Bulls you remember. And we know that he's just an angel because of the way that he responds. When John falls at his feet to worship him, his very interesting John is not just going by appearances.

The angel sounded like the Lord Jesus because he spoke what was true. Said. These are the true sayings of God. He falls at his feet to worship him. He makes this mistake. But we would do well to be like John and. To perceive the Lord Jesus, especially by his words.

Anyway, it does turn out to be just an angel, and he says seed that you do not do that. I'm your fellow servant. And of your brethren, who have the testimony of Jesus worship God. Hebrews 1, 14, tells us that angels are all ministering Spirits sent out to serve those who are inheriting salvation.

Find out in verse 10 when the angel says fellow servant that this is our job, too. We are supposed to be Servants of those who are inheriting salvation. And especially if we know. That when the marriage supper marriage Feast of the Lamb comes? That it will be the greatest display and praise.

Of the power and love of God. and so when he says, right, in verse 9, that's for us to read. And here, blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb, and one of the things we need to do then, whether it's in evangelism or discipleship, is to summon people to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

In evangelism. And tell them of the Salvation that is offered to them and the Lord Jesus Christ to summon Saints. Who are still sinful? And yet, whose sanctification is part of the clothing, the fitting of the bride with her fine linen? And so when we help one another grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

help one another love and obey God. we are participating in. Fitting the bride with her fine linen for her wedding day. And so there is great incentive there. So we praise God for his act and his Plan of Salvation. We do this. Especially praising him for his truth and righteousness in the Judgment of the Harlot and praising him for his Almighty love in the marriage of the bride to the lamb, and one of the ways that we respond then to this praise that is coming is by serving the Saints and.

Winning, announcing to people the blessedness of being called to the marriage supper of the Lamb, to which two we should attend. We should desire to attend. About, and so be saved and Sanctified and looked to God for these things. Hey man, let's pray. Father. Thank you for. Reminding us of how everything ends help us Lord.

To live in light of the end today and every day. Give us to praise you from our hearts for everything that we see in creation and Redemption, and even looking forward to the consummation. Give us to help others. To come to the mayor supper of the Lamb and Grant that we ourselves would come.

We ask in Jesus name. Amen.