

## SERMON OUTLINE

In Revelation 19:1-10 we hear 5 hallelujahs from heaven (and an angelic postscript) in response to God's destruction of Babylon.

- I. A great multitude cries out "Hallelujah! Our God's judgments are just" (vs. 1-2)!
- II. A great multitude cries out again: "Hallelujah: Our God judges completely" (v. 3)!
- III. The 24 elders and 4 living creatures worship in agreement: "Hallelujah" (v. 4)!
- IV. A voice from the throne commands: "Praise our God" (v. 5)!
- V. A great multitude cries out with a louder voice: "Hallelujah!"
  - A. For our God reigns (v. 6).
  - B. For the marriage of the Lamb to His ready bride has come (vs. 7-8).
- VI. An angel adds a postscript to the Hallelujahs:
  - A. Write this (v. 9).
  - B. Stop this (v. 10a).
  - C. Start this (v. 10b).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, February 17, 2019

Passage: Revelation 19:1-10

Memory Passage: Revelation 19:9

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Revelation 19:1-10.** Who is the “great multitude in heaven” who begins this heavenly hallelujah chorus in v. 1?
- (b) Does it surprise you that the only 4 NT occurrences of “hallelujah” are found in Revelation 19:1-6 (You’re welcome! This is one of the very few “yes” or “no” questions I’ll ever ask!)?
- (c) For what does this great multitude praise God in vs. 1-3?
- (d) What other passages in Revelation do vs. 1-3 bring to mind, and how does 19:1-3 fulfill/answer those other passages?

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Revelation 19:1-10.** What do the 24 elders and 4 living creatures add to this symphony of praise?
- (b) Who is the voice from the throne (v. 5)?
- (c) What does it mean to “fear” God, and why are only those who fear Him called to praise Him in v. 5?
- (d) What do you learn about God’s character and work from the praises offered in vs. 1-6? Explain how each character trait and act has been demonstrated in the context of Revelation in general, and specifically in chapters 18-19.

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Revelation 19:1-10.** Is the “great multitude” of v. 6 the same as or different from v. 1? How do you know?
- (b) Who is the “Bride,” and how has she “made herself ready?”
- (c) What are “the righteous deeds of the saints” (pictured as fine garments) referred to in v. 8?
- (d) Imagine you are discipling a new believer and they ask you, “So which is it? Do the saints (the Bride) make themselves ready by their works or does God make them ready by granting them garments?” Explain your answer fully, wrestling to explain this tension found throughout Scripture.

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Revelation 19:1-10.** Read the following passages and then write a paragraph explaining what the marriage supper of the Lamb refers to, what it entails, how one is qualified for it, and why it appears at this point in Revelation: Isaiah 25:6-9; Matthew 22:1-14; 26:29; Luke 14:15-24.

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Revelation 19:1-10.** In what ways are you actively, daily, making yourself ready through righteous deeds to ensure your invitation to the marriage supper of the Lamb? In what way are you depending on God’s work to clothe you with these deeds as you exercise them?
- (b) Consider John’s mistake of falling down to worship the angel followed by the angel’s rebuke: How are Christians today tempted to fall down and worship something/someone other than God Himself? What/who are you personally tempted to worship other than God, and how do you realign your heart and thinking to avoid this idolatry?
- (c) The following questions are adapted from Greg Beale’s *Revelation: A Shorter Commentary*, pp. 407-8: How have wicked Babylon’s actions offered opportunity for God’s people in the 7 churches of Asia Minor to make themselves ready and qualified for invitation to the marriage supper of the Lamb? How does Babylon offer you, personally, opportunities to exhibit the good works that prove you are in Christ? How do you respond to Babylon, in all her forms, when her ideology and hatred of you and your God provide challenges to and opportunities for your sanctification? Are you in the habit of thanking God for adversity, even when it comes from the same Babylon God hates and will destroy, as He uses it for your good and your sanctification? How might you be more aware of these opportunities to praise God, thank Him, and depend on His provision for adversity brought by Babylon?

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*Hallelujahs from Heaven*