



## SAVED TO SERVE

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### REVELATION 19:

## THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB, PART 2

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will continue studying Revelation 19 and discover the two suppers that we must choose between in these last days.
2. **Note:** As we studied last week from Revelation 19 & Matthew 22, Jesus is calling us to His marriage supper. Firstly, Jesus is marrying the holy city, New Jerusalem, and He will officially receive His kingdom once His work of intercession in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary is over. He desires us to be guests at this wedding feast, which means to understand His work in heaven and accept Him and His righteousness by faith. After Jesus receives His kingdom, He will return to earth to marry His church and will take them to His kingdom.
3. Revelation 19:9 lets us know that there is a blessing for those “which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.” What did the angel speaking to John possess, which God uses to call people to the marriage? Revelation 19:10

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4. Where do we find the testimony of Jesus? John 5:39, 1 Peter 1:10, 11

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5. **Note:** The Spirit of Prophecy or the Testimony of Jesus is contained in the word of God, since all the writers and prophets spake and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (2 Peter 1:20-21). Furthermore, throughout history, God has often used a leading prophet to guide His people. Based on the Bible, the gift of prophecy will be among the church until the Second Coming of Jesus (Joel 2:28-29; Ephesians 4:11-13). The writings of Ellen G. White pass the Biblical tests of a true prophet and thus, her writings also form a part of the Spirit of Prophecy. For further study, see our previous lesson on this subject entitled, “The Second Angel’s Message: The Gift of Prophecy.”  
<https://www.prophecyagain.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Notes/The-Second-Angel's-Message-The-Gift-of-Prophecy.pdf>
  6. What does Satan desire to do to the Spirit of Prophecy? Revelation 12:17. See also quotations below.

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**“It is Satan’s plan to weaken the faith of God’s people in the Testimonies.”** “Satan knows how to make his attacks. He works upon minds to excite jealousy and dissatisfaction toward those at the head of the work. The gifts are next questioned; then, of course, they have but little weight, and instruction given through vision is disregarded.” “Next follows skepticism in regard to the vital points of our faith, the pillars of our position, then doubt as to the Holy Scriptures, and then the downward march to perdition. **When the Testimonies, which were once believed, are doubted and given up, Satan knows the deceived ones will not stop at this; and he redoubles his efforts till he launches them into open rebellion, which becomes incurable and ends in destruction.**”  
{5T 672.1}

**“The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God.** “Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18). **Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God’s remnant people in the true testimony. He will bring in spurious visions to mislead, and will mingle the false with the true, and so disgust people that they will regard everything that bears the name of visions as a species of fanaticism; but honest souls, by contrasting false and true, will be enabled to distinguish between them....”** {2SM 78.2}

“I know your danger. **If you lose confidence in the testimonies you will drift away from Bible truth.** I have been fearful that many would take a questioning, doubting position, and in my distress for your souls I would warn you. How many will heed the warning? As you now hold the testimonies, should one be given crossing your track, correcting your errors, would you feel at perfect liberty to accept or reject any part or the whole? **That which you will be least inclined to receive is the very part most needed. God and Satan never work in copartnership. The testimonies either bear the signet of God or that of Satan. A good tree cannot bring forth corrupt fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. By their fruit ye shall know them. God has spoken. Who has trembled at His word?”** {5T 98.2}

7. Read Revelation 19:11-13, 16. Who is being described in these verses? Revelation 3:14; 1:5, 8; John 1:1-3
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8. What scene is set to take place between Jesus and the wicked inhabitants of the earth? Revelation 19:15, 19; 16:13-14, 16

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9. **Note:** Read Revelation 19:16-17. Notice that there are two suppers mentioned in Revelation 19: one is the marriage supper of the Lamb, where Jesus wants us to be guests, and the other is the supper of the great God. Since all of us will be in one of these suppers, let us uncover the meaning of being in the supper of the great God.

10. What does it mean to be a part of the “supper of the great God?” Revelation 19:17-18, 20-21; 20:14-15

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11. It is clear from the previous question that those who are at the “supper of the great God” are the wicked. Based on Revelation 19 and the parable of Matthew 22, what do the wicked lack which causes them to face the judgment of God? Matthew 22:11; Revelation 19:7-8

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12. Read Matthew 22:11-12. What was the man, who came without a wedding garment, saying by his actions?

a) Proverbs 19:6 \_\_\_\_\_

b) Isaiah 4:1 \_\_\_\_\_

c) Romans 2:4-6 \_\_\_\_\_

**“But let none deceive themselves with the thought that God, in His great love and mercy, will yet save even the rejecters of His grace. The exceeding sinfulness of sin can be estimated only in the light of the cross. When men urge that God is too good to cast off the sinner, let them look to Calvary.** It was because there was no other way in which man could be saved, because without this sacrifice it was impossible for the human race to escape from the defiling power of sin, and be restored to communion with holy beings,—impossible for them again to become partakers of spiritual life,—it was because of this that Christ took upon Himself the guilt of the disobedient and suffered in the sinner’s stead. **The love and suffering and death of the Son of God all testify to the terrible enormity of sin and declare that there is no escape from its power, no hope of the higher life, but through the submission of the soul to Christ.**” {SC 31.2}

d) Revelation 3:17; Isaiah 64:6 \_\_\_\_\_

**“The man who came to the feast without a wedding garment represents the condition of many in our world today. They profess to be Christians, and lay claim to the blessings and privileges of the gospel; yet they feel no need of a transformation of character. They have never felt true repentance for sin. They do not realize their need of Christ or exercise faith in Him. They have not overcome their hereditary or cultivated tendencies to wrongdoing. Yet they think that they are good enough in themselves, and they rest upon their own merits instead of trusting in Christ. Hearers of the word, they come to the banquet, but they have not put on the robe of Christ’s righteousness.”** {COL 315.2}

13. What did the man without a wedding garment answer the king? Matthew 22:12 \_\_\_\_\_

14. What event does the coming of the king represent? 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Romans 14:10; Daniel 7:9, 13

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15. Why will many be speechless on that day when Jesus comes to their names in judgment? Matthew 16:26

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“In the parable, when the king inquired, “How camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?” the man was speechless. **So it will be in the great judgment day. Men may now excuse their defects of character, but in that day they will offer no excuse.**” {COL 317.1}

**“...In our knowledge of Christ and His love the kingdom of God is placed in the midst of us. Christ is revealed to us in sermons and chanted to us in songs. The spiritual banquet is set before us in rich abundance. The wedding garment, provided at infinite cost, is freely offered to every soul. By the messengers of God are presented to us the righteousness of Christ, justification by faith, the exceeding great and precious promises of God’s word, free access to the Father by Christ, the comfort of the Spirit, the well-grounded assurance of eternal life in the kingdom of God. What could God do for us that He has not done in providing the great supper, the heavenly banquet?”** {COL 317.2}

16. **Note:** The end result of the man in Matthew 22:13 was that he was bound and cast into outer darkness. This simply means that he was lost because he did not meet the requirements of Jesus' marriage supper. Let us now close by focusing on how we can have Christ's righteousness and be saved.
17. As a recap, Revelation 19:9 says, "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." In the parable, what kinds of people were given this gospel invitation to receive Jesus' character? Matthew 22:10
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18. Although Jesus will give everyone an opportunity to accept Him and receive His character, what does Matthew 22:14 say?
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19. **Note:** Based on the parable and the previous points in this lesson, only a few will be "chosen" or saved by Jesus because the rest of the world chose to please themselves over Jesus and by their actions, they have decided to receive the judgments of God, along with Satan, in the "supper of the great God."
20. Since the wedding garment that we need to be saved is not physical attire, what does it mean to put on the robe of Christ's righteousness? Luke 22:42; James 4:7-8; 1 John 3:7
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**"Christ is ready to set us free from sin, but He does not force the will; and if by persistent transgression the will itself is wholly bent on evil, and we do not desire to be set free, if we will not accept His grace, what more can He do? We have destroyed ourselves by our determined rejection of His love..." {SC 34.2}**

**"Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart"—the human heart, with its conflicting emotions of joy and sorrow; the wandering, wayward heart, which is the abode of so much impurity and deceit. 1 Samuel 16:7. He knows its motives, its very intents and purposes. Go to Him with your soul all stained as it is. Like the psalmist, throw its chambers open to the all-seeing eye, exclaiming, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23, 24." {SC 34.3}**

**"Many accept an intellectual religion, a form of godliness, when the heart is not cleansed. Let it be your prayer, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10. Deal truly with your own soul. Be as earnest, as persistent, as you would be if your mortal life were at stake. This is a matter to be settled between God and your own soul, settled for eternity. A supposed hope, and nothing more, will prove your ruin." {SC 35.1}**