The Marriage Supper of the Lamb
Revelation 19:1-10
Lesson #17

<u>Three major parts of marriage customs.</u>

First – marriage contract

1. Both parents signed this contract and both the bride & groom.
   A. The bridegroom or his parents would pay the dowry to the bride or her parents.
   B. This began the engagement (betrothal period).

Second – The wedding processional.

1. Bridegroom accompanied by his male friend went to the bride's home.
   A. If it was at night they would create a torchlight parade through the streets.
   B. The bride and her maidens would be ready.
   C. They would all join the parade and go to the bridegroom's house.

Third – The blessings and feast.

1. Family and friends would offer their blessings on the couple.
   A. Then a massive wedding feast began.
   B. Traditionally lasting 5 to 7 days.
2. At the conclusion the couple was escorted into a bridal chamber to consummate the marriage.

<u>Rev. 19 – We are in the 3rd phase of the celebrations</u>

1. The bridegroom – Jesus Christ has called his bride (the church).
   A. The dowry was paid – God the Father allowed Jesus to shed His blood for the bride.
2. Christ has come to claim His bride – Been taken to the Father's house.
3. Now the table is set for the marriage supper of the Lamb.
   A. We know it takes place between the rapture & second coming of Christ.

<u>Heaven rejoices over God's righteous judgement. Vs. 1-5</u>

- ***Heaven praises God for salvation, glory & power (vs. 1).***
- ***Heaven rejoices because Jesus is victorious over evil (vs. 2).***
- ***Heaven rejoices because God reigns from His throne (vs. 3-5).***

<u>Heaven rejoiced because the bride is ready. Vs. 6-8</u>

- ***The lamb is ready to receive His bride (vs. 7).***

The bride is dressed in her fine linen (vs. 8).

1. The bride – the church.
   A. Today's wedding – receive an RSVP.
2. God sent and invitation to this event over 2,000 years ago.
   A. Jesus hung on a cross for the sins of the world.
3. Salvation in Jesus Christ is our response to the event.
   A. Our clothing for the event is the service for Christ after our response to Jesus.
      1) Something I have struggled with.
         a. People profess to be saved by Jesus.
         b. But their life hasn't reflected the work of Jesus.
      2) This may be my answer to that struggle.
   B. Pay close attention to what the scripture says.
      1) Vs. 8 – last part of the verse.
      2) Righteousness is the acts and serve of those who believe and follow Jesus Christ.

A life truly transformed by the blood of Jesus serves Jesus.

<u>The Marriage Supper. Vs. 9-10</u>

1. There are two key words that reveal what this event will be like.
   A. *<u>"Blessed" – we know that means happy.</u>*
   B. Called – Those that will be gather there.
      1) You have responded to the invitation.
      2) You became a follower of Jesus Christ.