

A CALL TO FASTING AND CONSECRATION

A FORTY DAY GATHERING BEFORE THE LORD, HIS PEOPLE AND HIS WORD

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MEASSAGE NUMBER JHX217 * REVELATION 19:6-9

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

YOU'RE INVITED;
"THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY COME!"

*SEEKING THE FAVOR OF THE LORD FOR HIS PEOPLE,
THE NATION AND THE CHURCH IN AMERICA*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Revival, Repentance, Fasting, Seeking, Favor

Introduction to the Text; Revelation 19:6-9

The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

Revelation 19:6-9

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! :7 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.**" :8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. :9 Then he said to me, "Write: '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."

I might be safe in saying
that I have probably been to more weddings than any one of you.
I've certainly done more weddings than I can remember,
but there's one wedding that I will never forget;

That Would be My Own !

Jack and Lisa June 29th 1979

There was an anticipation that I experienced,
and it was all in preparation for what was to about to come.

There's The "Getting Ready" of it All...

Dear Friends, The Bible tells us of a day coming when All Those Who Have Trusted Christ in This Life for Their Salvation, will experience a “Union”, a Marriage that will Trump all Others.

Listen to the Closing Words of The Bible

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, “**Surely I am coming quickly.**” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

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Revelation 19:6-9

The Apostle John declares... “I heard, as it were, the voice of a **great multitude**, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! :7 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.**” :8 And to **her** it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. :9 Then he said to me, (John) “Write: ‘Blessed **are those** who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’

The Apostle Paul Answers to “Who the Bride Is”

Ephesians 5:30-32

For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. :31 *“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”* :32 **This is a great mystery**, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Our Focus This Morning is Found There in...

Revelation 19:7

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.**”

How Do We (you) Get Ready?

(1) We’re Desperate and We Need Him

So we’re asking the Lord to **break** us

Matthew 21:44

And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”

(2) We're Desperate and We Need Him:

So we're asking the Lord to *revive* us

Psalms 85:6

Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You?

(3) We're Desperate and We Need Him:

So we're asking the Lord to *hear* us

2Chronicles 7:13-15

When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, :14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. :15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer *made* in this place.

(4) We're Desperate and We Need Him

So we're asking the Lord to *forgive* us

Jeremiah 3:25, Jeremiah 14:7, Jeremiah 14:20, Lamentations 5:16

Jeremiah 3:25

We lie down in our shame, And our reproach covers us. For we have sinned against the LORD our God, We and our fathers, From our youth even to this day, And have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.”

Jeremiah 14:7

O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, Do it for Your name's sake; For our backslidings are many, We have sinned against You.

Jeremiah 14:20

We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness *And* the iniquity of our fathers, For we have sinned against You.

Lamentations 5:16

The crown has fallen *from* our head. Woe to us, for we have sinned!

(5) We're Desperate and We Need Him

So we're asking the Lord to *restore* us

Psalms 85:4

Restore us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your anger toward us to cease.

Psalms 51:12

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.

(6) We're Desperate and We Need Him

So we're asking the Lord to **save** us

Isaiah 35:4

Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold...
He will come and **save** you."

(7) We're Desperate and We Need Him

So we're asking the Lord to **heal** us

Hosea 6:1

Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn,
but He will **heal** us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up.

(8) We're Desperate and We Need Him

So we're asking the Lord to **renew** us

Psalms 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And **renew** a steadfast spirit within me.

(9) We're Desperate and We Need Him

So we're asking the Lord to **speak** to us

Acts 13:2-4

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, **the Holy Spirit spoke saying**, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." :3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent *them* away. :4 So, being sent out **by the Holy Spirit**, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

(10) We're Desperate and We Need Him

So we're asking the Lord to **bless** us

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

(11) We're Desperate and We Need Him

So we're asking the Lord to **come** to us

1John 3:2

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

(12) We're Desperate and We Need Him

So we're asking the Lord to *be* us

Psalms 73:28

But *it is* good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.

James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

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is something that's in the spiritual DNA of every believer.

Mark 2:18-20

The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?" :19 And Jesus said to them, "*Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. :20 But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days*

THESE ARE THOSE DAYS. THE DAYS ARE NOW

Exodus 19:10-11

Then the LORD said to Moses, "**Go to the people** and **consecrate them today** and **tomorrow**, and let them wash their clothes. :11 And **let them be ready** for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

Leviticus 8:3-5

and LORD said "gather all the congregation together at the door of the tabernacle of meeting." :4 So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. And the congregation was gathered together at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. :5 And Moses said to the congregation, "This *is* what the LORD commanded to be done."

...and so I say to the church "This *is* what the LORD is commanding us to do"
You Have an Insert in Your Bulletin, and I'm asking you to respond to it.

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