

Revelation
The Lamb of God: On His Throne and Among His People
The Marriage Supper of the Lamb
Revelation 19
Study Notes

Quotes and Thoughts from the Sermon

Hallelujah!

Occurs 24 times in the Old Testament, only in the Psalms

From 2 Hebrew words:

- Hallel(u) – meaning “let us praise”
- Ya – an abbreviated version of “Yahweh”
- Thus, “Let us praise Yahweh!”

Occurs 4 times in the New Testament - all in Revelation 19

The word **Hallelujah** is used 24 times in the OT – all in the Psalms – and 4 times in the NT. All four NT uses are found in today’s text, Revelation 19:1-10. From Genesis to Revelation, there are many reasons for praising God. We give praise for God’s holiness, his sovereignty, his kindness, his provisions, his love for and protection of his people, his forgiveness of sins, his calling, and his grace, to name but a very few. “But of all the things God is to be praised for,” **John McArthur** says, “perhaps the least expected is for his destruction of the wicked.”

Excellent article from **Ligonier Ministries** about the word **Hallelujah**:

<https://learn.ligonier.org/podcasts/simply-put/hallelujah-2>

Scotty Smith in *Unveiled Hope*: God has a holy jealousy for our hearts and our affection, a jealousy that **Abraham Kuyper**, former prime minister of the Netherlands, referred to as the greatest compliment God could ever give us. The destruction of Babylon says as much about the love God has for His people as it does about His hatred of evil.

Jewish Marriages

- The father of the groom would arrange a marriage for his son
- A contract would be established that detailed the husband’s responsibilities and the wife’s rights

- A betrothal in Jesus' time was more binding than an engagement in our day; a divorce was required to break the agreement
- The groom paid a "bride-price" to the bride's family
- Once the agreement was reached, the couple would seal their betrothal by drinking a glass of wine together
- A betrothal period that could last up to a year allowed the man to prepare a home for his bride
- When the home was ready, the groom would go to get his bride and bring her home
- A celebration that could last a week or two would begin with the wedding feast that the couple enjoyed with family and friends

Jesus and His Bride

- God the Father chose a bride for his Son
- Jesus purchased his bride at Calvary
- All who trust Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins become part of the church – the bride of Christ
- Jesus has gone to prepare a place for his bride, and when it is ready, he will come for her
- The bride is making herself ready, clothed in his righteousness and practicing righteous deeds
- The blessing of this marriage will last for eternity

Wedding Day, by Harvest – a favorite song of mine back in the 80's. Quite the motivation to be ready for Jesus' return.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zk2rpHNID8g>

The Importance of Food in Scripture

- The Garden of Eden and the tree of life
- The Passover
- Meals used to ratify covenants in OT times
- One of the three major tithes commanded in the law was to spend money on food and drink at the annual Jerusalem feasts
- The Lord's Supper
- Marriage Supper of the Lamb
- Tree of life in the new heavens and new earth with twelve kinds of fruit

Application from the Sermon

1. Live as one who has been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb
2. Do the good works that were created for you before the foundation of the earth was laid
3. Focus more on Jesus than you do on yourself

**Love Lustres (lusters – think *shines, sparkles*) at Calvary
*Valley of Vision***

My Father,

Enlarge my heart, warm my affections,
open my lips,
supply words that proclaim ‘Love lustres
at Calvary.’

There grace removes my burdens and heaps them
on thy Son,
made a transgressor, a curse, and sin for me;

There the sword of thy justice smote the man,
thy fellow;

There thy infinite attributes were magnified,
and infinite atonement was made;

There infinite punishment was due,
and infinite punishment was endured.

Christ was all anguish that I might be all joy,
cast off that I might be brought in,

trodden down as an enemy
that I might be welcomed as a friend,

surrendered to hell’s worst
that I might attain heaven’s best,

stripped that I might be clothed,

wounded that I might be healed,
athirst that I might drink,
tormented that I might be comforted,
made a shame that I might inherit glory,
entered darkness that I might have eternal light.

My Saviour wept that all tears might be wiped
from my eyes,
groaned that I might have endless song,
endured all pain that I might have unfading health,
bore a thorny crown that I might have
a glory-diadem,
bowed his head that I might uplift mine,
experienced reproach that I might receive
welcome,
closed his eyes in death that I might gaze
on unclouded brightness,
expired that I might for ever live.

O Father, who spared not thine only Son that thou
mightest spare me,
All this transfer thy love designed and
accomplished;
Help me to adore thee by lips and life.

O that my every breath might be ecstatic praise,
my every step buoyant with delight, as I see my
enemies crushed,

Satan baffled, defeated, destroyed,
sin buried in the ocean of reconciling blood,
hell's gates closed, heaven's portal open.

Go forth, O conquering God, and show me
the cross, mighty to subdue, comfort and save.

Scripture Associated with the Text and Message

See Psalm 96 – God judges the peoples with equity and the world in righteousness.

Romans 3:4 Let God be true though everyone were a liar, as it is written,

“That you may be justified in your words,
and prevail when you are judged.”

Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD (Yahweh);
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Hosea 2:16 “And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’ 17 For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. 18 And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. **19 And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. 20 I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.**

***Writers of the NT books spoke/wrote of Jesus as Yahweh.** The Greek word that the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the OT) used for Yahweh was *kurios*, or Lord. Most of the time when NT writers used the word *kurios* (Lord), they spoke of Jesus.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing

of water with the word, 27 **so that he might present the church to himself in splendor**, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Deuteronomy 14:22 “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. 23 And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. 24 And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, 25 then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses 26 and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. **And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.** 27 And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 **for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 **For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**