

The Church Gathered for Worship (Part 2)

Revelation 19:1-10

INTRODUCTION:

I. Who Worships? (Psalm 33:1-3)

- A. The Righteous Redeemed
- B. Worship fits the upright
- C. Worship is gratitude
- D. Worship in song

II. Why Worship? (Psalm 33:4-22)

- A. Worship because of God's Word (**vv.4-9**)
- B. Worship because of God's Rule (**vv.10-19**)
- C. Worship produces Hope in God (**vv.20-22**)

III. Where Worship is Heading (Revelation 19:1-10)

- A. Rejoicing at Christ's Victory (**vv.1-5**)
 - 1. Before the throne
 - a) In view of all that has come before
 - (1) The rise of the antichrist and beast
 - (2) A great harvest on earth
 - (3) The wrath of God poured out in judgment
 - (4) The Fall of Babylon
 - b) Seated is the Lamb, Jesus Christ
 - 2. By a great multitude

- a) Common voice
 - (1) Celebrating Salvation
 - (2) Celebrating Justice (a part of salvation - **Psalm 33**)
 - (3) Celebrating the Lamb's victory
- b) Common focus
 - (1) The great "Amen"
 - (2) Eternal nature of salvation (and judgment)
- c) Common language
 - (1) Words (4 "hallelujahs")
 - (2) Transposed language from the throne for John

B. Rejoicing at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (**vv.6-9**)

- 1. Praising God (**v.6**)
 - a) Word
 - b) Rule
- 2. As the Bride
 - a) Prepared (**v.7**)
 - (1) Jesus is the groom
 - (2) **Ephesians 5:25-27**
 - b) Clothed (**v.8**)
 - (1) Speaks of righteous acts
 - (2) Adorn
 - (a) Adam and Eve
 - (b) Priests clothed
 - (c) **Titus 2:9-10**
 - c) Blessed (**v.9**)

- (1) Beatitude
- (2) Bride's response
 - (a) To Groom's gracious choice
 - (b) The gospel invitation
 - (c) The gospel response
 - (d) **Spurgeon**

- C. Rejoicing NOW (v.10)
- 1. In gratitude (for gracious election)
 - a) Now
 - b) Not yet
 - 2. With anticipation
 - a) Perseverance
 - b) Consummation
 - 3. Christo-centric
 - a) He is the central revelation of prophecy, the Word of God
 - (1) Prophet, Priest, King
 - (2) **2 Peter 1:16-21**
 - b) He is the only audience
 - c) Centrality of the Word
 - (1) The Word Read
 - (2) The Word Preached
 - (3) The Word Prayed
 - (4) The Word Sung
 - (5) The Word Seen (2 ordinances)
 - d) Centrality of the Gospel

CONCLUSION:

- What are you most grateful for? Another way to ask, is what provokes in you the greatest gladness?
- What do you anticipate the most?
- The answer to these questions helps determine the certainty of our election