

The Marriage

...and Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Key verses

- “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. And to her was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 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.’ Rev.19:7-9

Symbols in Scripture

When dealing with symbolic Bible language and we should be aware what these symbols mean and how they are used in **the rest of Scripture**. All of us would agree that the Lamb in question is a symbol of Jesus and that the wife of the Lamb is a symbol of His faithful followers. We are also told that the “fine linen” granted to these faithful followers represents “**the righteous acts of the saints**”. This symbology then sets the scene for us to look for the real meaning for the terms, “marriage of the Lamb” and “marriage supper of the Lamb”.

Spiritual dining today

- “Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.” Rev.3:20 See also Isa.55:1-2; John 6:35, 54.

As you can see from the verses above, food, eating and drinking are used throughout Scripture as **symbols of a spiritual relationship with God and His Son**, which of course involves doing God's will. The above verses are really the key to understanding the real meanings of the marriage and supper of the Lamb. This symbolism was missed by the Jews of Jesus' day because they tended to take much of what He said by parable in a literal sense. We should be careful not to do the same when reading Revelation. See also Psa.37:3

Two events

It is important to note that we should not confuse “**the marriage of the Lamb**” with “**the marriage supper of the Lamb**”. As with the normal wedding so with the spiritual, there being two distinct events and we should allow key Bible symbolism to be our guide when defining them.

The Marriage

- “So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both good and bad. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.” Matt.22:10

The marriage of the Lamb is that time when Jesus is **united with all His faithful followers** from all ages after His return and the resurrection of the dead. This is more than likely the time when the saints are given **divine nature**, a never dying body like unto His glorious body. We are not told where this will take place although some think a hint is given in Psa.133:3.

In the parable quoted above this time of the marriage is also presented as a time when those unacceptable to Jesus are rejected and cast back into “**outer darkness**”, a term which describes the wicked state of the world when He returns. Those who “**love the world**” are the opposite to those who “**love His appearing**”, ironically both groups of people eventually getting exactly what their heart really desires.

- “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matt.6:21
- “Then the king said to the servants, 'bind him hand and foot and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’” Matt.22:13

The Marriage Supper, more than a single event

- “To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God... To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat...” Rev.2:7, 17

So, accepting the parables and symbolism presented in Scripture, the marriage Supper of the Lamb can be understood as **much more than a short “single event”** at the coming of Jesus. This marriage supper would refer to **all of our activities** involving the entire kingdom age which will be an **eternal extension** to the spiritual supper we are already enjoying in our present mortal life.