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Revelation 19:
The Marriage Supper Of The Lamb, Part 1

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study Revelation 19 and the experience needed to be guests at the marriage supper of the Lamb - who is Jesus Christ.

2. Why did John hear the voice of much people in heaven rejoicing? Revelation 19:1-2

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3. What did the angel ask John to do in verse 9? Revelation 19:9

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4. What is this marriage a representation of? 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:31, 32

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   "**By the marriage is represented the union of humanity with divinity**;..." {COL 307.1}

5. **Note:** Let us now turn our attention to Matthew 22:1-11 and analyze the parable of the marriage feast to have a better understanding of that phrase, "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."

6. What does this parable also represent besides the union of humanity and divinity? Revelation 19:7; 22:17; Romans 1:16

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   "**In this parable, as in that of the great supper, are illustrated the gospel invitation**..." {COL 307.2}

7. In the parable of the marriage feast, who do the king and the son represent? Psalm 47:7; Matthew 3:16, 17

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8. How many calls were given by the king to attend the marriage feast? Matthew 22:3, 4, 8-9 _____

9. According to the parable, who were the first to be invited to the wedding? Matthew 21:45; 22:1-3

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10. Who were the servants that God sent forth to call the people to the wedding?

    a) Matthew 3:1-3 _____

    b) Matthew 10:1, 5-8 _____

    c) Luke 10:1 _____

"The call to the feast had been given by Christ's disciples. Our Lord had sent out the twelve and afterward the seventy, proclaiming that the kingdom of God was at hand, and calling upon men to repent and believe the gospel. But the call was not heeded. Those who are bidden to the feast did not come." {COL 308.2}

11. How did the majority of the Jews respond to the wedding call? Matthew 22:3; Luke 14:17-20

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12. **Note:** The first call to the Jewish people also applies to the professed people of God in these last days. Many of God's professed people will reject God's truth even though they have been privileged with so much spiritual enlightenment.

13. Who did God use to give the second call? Matthew 22:4; Acts 1:1-11; 2:36, 37 _____

14. What messages were connected with the second call to the marriage? Acts 2:37-39

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15. **Note:** Matthew 22:4 mentioned that the oxen and failings were killed. An ox is a bullock. Fatlings or fats represent sin (Psalm 37:20). Both the ox and fatlings represent sin offerings. Jesus through His death on the cross, became sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21). The apostles' message was that Jesus, the promised Messiah, our sin offering, has paid the price for our sins, come to the marriage and be one with Him.

16. How did the Jews react to the second call? Matthew 22:5, 6; Acts 6:8-10; 7:57-59; 8:1-3

"**This was the message borne to the Jewish nation after the crucifixion of Christ; but the nation that claimed to be God's peculiar people rejected the gospel brought to them in the power of the Holy Spirit**." {COL 308.2}

17. **Note:** Matthew 22:4 mentioned the word 'dinner.' Since dinner is a synonymous term for supper (Luke 14:12), the second call also applies to the church of Laodicea, whom Jesus asks to repent of their sins and offers to sup with Him (see Revelation 3:19-20).

18. As a result of God's professed people rejecting the call to the marriage and persecuting the messengers, what did Jesus do? Matthew 22:7

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19. **Note:** For further study, read the historical account in *The Great Controversy*, the first chapter entitled, "The Destruction of Jerusalem."

20. What did Jesus do with His people prior to destroying Jerusalem? Jeremiah 2:9; John 5:40; Matthew 23:37

"**For nearly forty years after the doom of Jerusalem had been pronounced by Christ Himself, the Lord delayed His judgments upon the city and the nation. Wonderful was the long-suffering of God toward the rejectors of His gospel and the murderers of His Son. The parable of the unfruitful tree represented God's dealings with the Jewish nation. The command had gone forth, "Cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?" (Luke 13:7) but divine mercy had spared it yet a little longer**. There were still many among the Jews who were ignorant of the character and the work of Christ. And the children had not enjoyed the opportunities or received the light which their parents had spurned. Through the preaching of the apostles and their associates, God would cause light to shine upon them; they would be permitted to see how prophecy had been fulfilled, not only in the birth and life of Christ, but in His death and resurrection. The children were not condemned for the sins of the parents; but when, with a knowledge of all the light given to their parents, the children rejected the additional light granted to themselves, they became partakers of the parents' sins, and filled up the measure of their iniquity." {GC 27.3}

21. To whom was the third call to the wedding given? Matthew 22:10; Acts 10:9-15, 34-48 _____

22. **Note:** Let us now read Matthew 22:8. This scripture is the third call to the marriage, which was given to the Gentiles after the stoning of Stephen. Notice an additional point about the third call; the Bible says it is made once the wedding is ready. This wedding was officially ready in 1844, at the opening of the Investigative Judgment. Let us prove this point from scripture.

23. Matthew 22:8 says that "the wedding is ready." What is Jesus married to besides His church, which was once lost due to Adam's choice to sin? Revelation 21:1, 2, 9, 10

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24. During the opening of which event is Jesus seen going in to the Father, the Ancient of Days, to receive His kingdom, New Jerusalem, His Bride? Daniel 7:9, 10, 13, 14

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25. **Note:** The Investigative Judgment began on October 22, 1844 at the termination of the 2300 days prophecy mentioned in Daniel 8:14. On this date, Jesus moved into the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary and His people are to follow Him by faith into that apartment by understanding His work on their behalf to save them. This is what it means to be guests at the wedding.

"The proclamation, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh," in the summer of 1844, led thousands to expect the immediate advent of the Lord**. At the appointed time the Bridegroom came, not to the earth, as the people expected, but to the Ancient of Days in heaven, to the marriage, the reception of His kingdom**. "They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut." **They were not to be present in person at the marriage; for it takes place in heaven, while they are upon**

the earth. The followers of Christ are to "wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding." Luke 12:36. **But they are to understand His work, and to follow Him by faith as He goes in before God. It is in this sense that they are said to go in to the marriage.**" {GC 427.1}

26. Which church did the Lord raise up, shortly after October 22, 1844, to continue giving to the world, the third and final call to come to the marriage? **Answer:** The Seventh-day Adventist Church which was birthed from the belief that Jesus moved from the Holy to the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary on October 22, 1844.

27. Those whom Jesus will save, will not be saved because of a mere profession of faith, but because they have His spotless character - the white robe of His righteousness. Since we must have this robe, how can we receive it? Isaiah 1:18; Revelation 7:14

"**When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life**. **This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness**. Then as the Lord looks upon us He sees, not the fig-leaf garment, not the nakedness and deformity of sin, but His own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah." {COL 311.4}