

Group Study #3 JUDGEMENT

Read: Revelation 19:17-10, Isaiah 25:6-9, Matthew 26:26-29

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb: This is the feast that we have all been waiting to celebrate with Jesus our Messiah and Lord. The Church is referred to as the Bride of Christ. Jesus is the Bridegroom. We are once and for all united together just like a bride has made herself ready for her groom on the wedding day. It will be a glorious day of victory, celebration, feasting, and joy.

Revelation 19:7-10 (NASB) Let's rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has prepared herself." ⁸ It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Isaiah's Prophecy in the Old Testament of a Lavish Banquet: God revealed to Isaiah the future Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Imagine the celebration that you will experience that day!!!

Isaiah 25:6-9 (NASB) Now the LORD of armies will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, and refined, aged wine. ⁷ And on this mountain He will destroy the covering which is over all peoples, The veil which is stretched over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the disgrace of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. ⁹ And it will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; Let's rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

The Lord's Supper and Marriage Supper Will Be Celebrated Together and Ultimately Realized: It is amazing how perfect God and the Holy Scriptures are. Jesus is looking forward to the Marriage Supper at the Last Supper with His disciples. Jesus will not "*drink of this fruit of the vine*" until He drinks it with all believers at the Marriage Supper. Every time you take communion, you should imagine the future celebration and wedding feast that we will have together with Jesus at the very end.

Matthew 26:26-29 (NASB) Now while they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²⁷ And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it with you, new, in My Father's kingdom."

Questions:

1. What will you be thinking during the Marriage Supper of the Lamb?
2. What images come to mind when you read about the lavish banquet that Isaiah describes?
3. How will communion be better for you now that you understand the future Marriage Supper?