

New Song Fellowship Church

Being and Making Disciples

Hallelujah!

Pastor Dean Murphy | April 19, 2026 | Revelation 19:1-10 | Revelation

if possible I'd like to use a visual to describe the 7 bowl judgments in my intro comments; many available on the internet, just looking for a simple visual.

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Rev 19:1 After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

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Rev 19:3 And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever."

Rev 19:4 The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!"

Rev 19:5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!"

Rev 19:6 Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. 8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)

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Mat 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Rev 19:7c "...the wedding of the Lamb..."

First century wedding customs; the Betrothal / the Wedding / The Celebration

His bride has made herself ready...

2Co 5:7 For we live by faith, not by sight.

(NLT) Php 2:13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Rev 19:9 Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

Rev 19:10 At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus."

Our "take to heart" focus (Rev 1:3)-

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(NLT) Jas 2:15 Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, 16 and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"--but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? 17 So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. 18 Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But Is ay, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds." 19 You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. 20 How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless? Good deeds...active, tangible actions which reflect Jesus' priorities, character and love.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Weekly Reflection

Take a few moments this week to sit with these questions.

1. When you examine your own life right now, are your righteous acts--your good deeds, your service, your love for others--visible and vibrant? What might Jesus be inviting you to add or change so your faith becomes unmistakably alive?
2. James challenges us that faith without good deeds is dead. Where in your daily relationships or community is God calling you to move from words of comfort to tangible, costly action that reflects His character?
3. The bride makes herself ready through the righteous acts of God's holy people. How does knowing that your good deeds are actually part of your preparation to meet Jesus change the way you see service, sacrifice, and obedience today?