

Praising God for the Reign of Christ

Introduction:

Key Verse: Revelation 19:6 (ESV) Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "**Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.**"

Theme: God is to be praised for the reign of Christ.

I. An introduction to worship

A. The word Hallelujah is central to our text. It means "praise Jehovah."

Revelation 19:1 (ESV) After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "**Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,**"

Revelation 19:3 (ESV) Once more they cried out, "**Hallelujah!** The smoke from her goes up forever and ever."

Revelation 19:4 (ESV) And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. **Hallelujah!**"

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B. The worship of the many in heaven due to the reign of Christ.

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Revelation 19:2 (ESV) for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.

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- C. The worship of the great and powerful in heaven.

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- D. A call to worship.

Revelation 19:5 (ESV) And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

- E. The reason for worship - the reign of Christ.

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1. The intent of worship.

- a. Worship is to be a time to be glad and joyful.

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- b. Worship is a time to verbally express our delight in what God is doing.

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- c. Worship is a time to ascribe to God the praise that is due to Him as the source of all goodness and blessing.

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2. The privilege of worship.

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Revelation 19:8 (ESV) it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Revelation 19:9 (ESV) And the angel said to me, “**Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.**” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

3. The only object of worship is God.

Revelation 19:10 (ESV) Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

II. The conquering Christ arrives to reign. 9:11-16

A. The description of the conqueror on the white horse

1. Christ is described as trustworthy.

Revelation 19:11 (ESV) Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

2. Christ is described as righteous in both judging and making war with His enemies.

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3. Christ is described as intense in His judgment.

Revelation 19:12 (ESV) His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

4. Christ is described as ruling over all.

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5. Christ rules as a result of His sacrificial death.

Revelation 19:13 (ESV) He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

6. Christ is revealed as the Word.

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Revelation 19:13 (ESV) He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is **The Word of God**.

- a. The Word is a source of revelation concerning God.

John 1:14 (ESV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

This is one purpose of the reign of Christ.

- b. The Word is the manifestation of the power of God.

Revelation 19:15 (ESV) From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

7. Christ is coming with His heavenly host.

Revelation 19:14 (ESV) And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.

- B. The actions of the rider on the white horse foretold.

1. He will conquer His foes simply by His word.

Revelation 19:15 (ESV) From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

2. He will rule over them with absolute control.

Revelation 19:15 (ESV) From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

3. He will rule over them in His wrath.

Revelation 19:15 (ESV) From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

4. He will rule over them fully.

Revelation 19:16 (ESV) On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

III. A call to the birds to feast on the bodies of the wicked.

- A. The birds are summoned to God's feast.

Revelation 19:17 (ESV) Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God,

- B. The wicked are not participants in the feast but instead are the food for the birds upon which to feast.

Revelation 19:18 (ESV) to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great."

Here we are to see the stark contrast of the blessedness of God's people to partake in the wedding feast.

IV. The futile attempted revolt against Christ's reign by the wicked

- A. The forces of evil gather together to oppose the reign of Christ.

Revelation 19:19 (ESV) And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.

- B. The enemies of Christ are defeated and punished.

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Revelation 19:20 (ESV) And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

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Revelation 19:21 (ESV) And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

These also will be resurrected in the judgment and cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:13 (ESV) And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.
Revelation 20:14 (ESV) Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

- V. Conclusion