"Rejoicing in Heaven"

Introduction

Can you imagine a place where no evil or death exists? A place where there is no sickness, hunger, or thirst? A place where all tears will be wiped away? Well, for faithful believers in Christ, these images of utopia will become reality as we enter the eternal presence of the Lord.

Today's Lesson Objectives

- Discuss believers' understanding of the implications of God's judgment
- Believe that God's judgement is inclusive of God's justice and mercy
- **Enjoy** the love of Christ for all

Scripture

Revelation 19:1-8 (KJV)

Devotional Reading: Revelation 5:1-14

About Today's Lesson...

"Well, the only person talking about love thy brother is the preacher

And it seems nobody's interested in learning but the teacher

Segregation, determination, demonstration, integration

Aggravation, humiliation, obligation to our nation

Ball of confusion..." (The Temptations, 1970)

As we move in on closing this series on celebrating God, let us be reminded that despite the "ball of confusion" going on in the world today, God is still in control. And He will never leave us nor forsake us. And that is good news for all who believe and obey His word. God is the true and righteous judge. The faithful in Christ who persevere through trials and tribulations will receive God's mercy and His grace. But those who refuse to accept and obey Christ can expect God's wrath. And the complete destruction of the metaphorical Babylon in Revelation shows us that God means business! And in today's lesson, we hear songs of victory in Heaven for God's justice, His omnipotent reign, and for the coming marriage of the Lamb.

As we contemplate the course of human history - the past, the present, and the future - we should have joy in our hearts knowing that God is the author and finisher of our faith. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Let us praise God together by watching and listening to this uplifting video (make sure your internet service is working and then just click on the video to begin).



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