

REVELATION: Lesson 160

Chapter 19:7-8, His Wife Hath Made Herself Ready

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THE PURITY OF THE LAMB'S WIFE

1 Cor 15:51-54 We shall all be changed, from corruptible to incorruptible; from mortal to immortal.

2 Corinthians 11:2 We are espoused to Christ, to be presented as a chaste virgin.

Ephesians 5:25-26 Christ is sanctifying and cleansing His church that it might be holy...

Revelation 19:7-8 His wife hath made herself ready...holy...righteous.

- The Church left the earth in Revelation 4:1 and will return to earth with Jesus Christ in Revelation 19:14.
 - Next, God deals with His people, the nation of Israel, during the Time of Jacob's Trouble (Rev 5-19).
 - On Earth, God deals with Israel's sin.
 - In Heaven, God will be dealing with the Church concerning their works and their rewards.
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What takes place after the Judgment Seat of Christ?

1. The gleanings. People who became converts in the Tribulation will be caught up to the Lord.
 2. The Marriage of the bride to the Lamb of God. The bride has been sanctified and cleansed by Christ and has made herself ready.
 3. The remnant of the nation of Israel will be converted to saving faith in their Messiah.
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Preparing for the Judgment Seat

2 Corinthians 5:1-8 Our body is referred to as a tabernacle (a temporary dwelling place). Our new body in heaven is called a mansion, a building of God, an house not made with hands. This is a permanent dwelling place (as the temple which replaced the tabernacle in the wilderness).

Philippians 3:20-21 When we die, we leave our vile body behind until the Lord Jesus changes it into a glorious body.

1 John 3:1-2 Now we are the sons of God, but nobody can see it by our physical appearance. When Jesus Christ returns, we shall be like Him (not in appearance, but likeness).

- No more sin, lust, or corruption. No more pride, envy, or division.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11 We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

We will receive the things done in our body (good and bad). Works will be judged.

1 Corinthians 3:10-13 Our works will then be tried in the fire. The fire will reveal what sort of works we did for the Lord (or for ourselves). It matters how we do the works and why we do them.

- Only God can discern the how and the why. We can't judge others' works.
 - Do the works according to the scriptures.
 - Do the works for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.
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1 Timothy 5:24-25 Some sins are “**open beforehand.**” They are judged before they ever get to the Judgment Seat of Christ. When we confess our sins (1 Jn 1:9), we are forgiven, and that sin doesn't come up at the Judgment Seat.

All your unconfessed sins will “follow after.” They'll be waiting for you at the Judgment Seat.

Good works are also manifest at the Judgment Seat. You may be surprised to find out that you have some rewards waiting for you.

We avoid publicly praising men and women for their good works. If their good works are “manifest beforehand,” they won't be rewarded at the Judgment Seat.

Romans 14:10-13 We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ and give account of ourselves to God.

We need to make sure that we are doing everything we can today to prepare ourselves for judgment so that we get the fullest possible reward.

We ought to desire to help others receive their fullest possible reward. Don't hinder your brethren; help them. Jesus laid down His life for the brethren. We should do the same.
