

Strengthening Faith, Sermon Series on Revelation continues

2/4/24 "The King Comes," Rev. 19, MEV

INTRODUCTION: Have you ever had trouble taking your eyes off something that was getting you down?

MAIN IDEA: Rejoice in the Lord. Why? Here are three reasons.

I. First, He is worthy (1-10)

A. of praise... *alleluia*: praise ye the Lord (Yahweh)

Praise (5): to celebrate, to extol (praise enthusiastically, glorify)

1. having bought & given salvation (1)
2. having ultimate glory, honor, power (1)

B. Because He is Lord God & Omnipotent (6)

C. Because He delivers true & righteous judgments (2)

D. Because He has prepared His bride (8-9)

1. through Jesus' blood & Lordship
2. as they walk with His Spirit in obedience ("made herself ready")

Transition (10): We saints & angels are fellow servants. (all true prophecy relates to Jesus & His work).

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II. Second, He is Lord (11-16)

Lord: *kurios* = he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has the power of deciding –*Thayer*

A. faithful & true: caring for the least & greatest (5, 18)

True: in every respect corresponding to the idea signified by the name, real and true, genuine –*Thayer*

B. fully righteous (doing right)

1. rightly judging all things
2. in all goodness & rightness waging war

C. His Presence is that of God (12-13)

1. eyes like flame of fire (*Hayford: wisdom, omniscience*)
2. with many crowns... *sovereign authority*
4. white robe dipped in blood (*His atoning blood*)

D. Having Highest Titles (names)

1. Name no one knows but Him (*Fire: only One, 12*)
2. The Word of God (13)
3. King of Kings & Lord of Lords (16)

E. Having heavenly armies: *pure* white linen on white horses

F. Employing weapons only He can wield

1. sword from His mouth... that He may strike nations
2. an iron scepter with which He will rule them

ILLUSTRATION:

III. Finally, He is victor (17-21)

A. vanquishing all who have risen against Him (17-19)

B. sending to hell (alive) His greatest enemies (20)

1. antichrist (beast) & false prophet (both demonically empowered)
2. who robbed people of eternal life

C. slaying with His word those who had refused to believe & so had been deceived

1. already eternally damned
2. protecting His sheep (who will return to rule in Millennial reign)

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CONCLUSION: He is Worthy, Lord, Victor... even NOW.

Story:

ALTAR: Will you rejoice in Him? Focus on Him as God, Lord, Victor. Ask Him to invade the situation you face or your loved one does.