



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

Hallelujah! (Revelation 19:1-10)

Hallelujah is a Hebrew word, used only here in the New Testament but many times in the book of Psalms. It means "Praise Yahweh", and is therefore Israel's personal word of praise, now on the lips of the multitude of God's people.

Read Revelation 18:20 and 19:1-4

1. What is God being praised for?
2. ***Does this challenge your perspective on God's judgements?***

Read Revelation 19:5-10

3. What is God being praised for?
4. Who is the bride?
5. ***As members of the Bride, how do we ensure we are ready for the wedding? (See also Ephesians 2:8-10 and 4:17-32.)***
6. Why do you think John is given the instruction to write in verse 9?
7. Why do you think John started to worship the angel?
8. ***Are we ever tempted to idolize God's messengers? How does that look today?***
9. ***What will it mean for us to hold to the testimony of Jesus (v10, also Rev 1:2)?***

Explore more:

The wedding/bride is not a new image for God's people. See for example Isaiah 54:5, Isaiah 61:10, and Hosea 2:16-20. The book of psalms contains a royal wedding song (Psalm 45) and Jesus told parables about wedding feasts (Matthew 22:1-14, 25:1-12). Why do you think this image is used by God for his relationship with his people?

Revelation 19:6-7 is the last praise poem in the book. Use the collation below to review all that God is praised for, then spend some time together in praise and worship of our God.

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!” (4:8)

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.” (4:11)

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.” (5:10-11)

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory
and blessing!” (5:12)

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!”
(5:13)

“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (7:10)

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever
and ever! Amen.” (7:12)

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
who is and who was,
for you have taken your great power
and begun to reign.
The nations raged,
but your wrath came,
and the time for the dead to be judged,
and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints,
and those who fear your name,
both small and great,
and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.” (11:17-18)

“Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!
Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.” (15:3-4)