

Jesus, Our Bridegroom

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Day 1: A Heart
Overflowing With Praise

Reading:
Psalm 150;
Revelation 19:1-5

Praise is not merely an act we perform on Sunday mornings. It is the natural overflow of a heart that belongs to God. In Revelation 19, a great multitude cries out "Hallelujah" -- praise to the Lord -- with a voice like thunder and rushing water. The question worth sitting with today is this: what is coming out of your mouth, and what does that reveal about what is in your heart? Jesus reminds us in Luke 6:45 that the mouth speaks from the abundance of the heart. Ask God today to fill your heart so completely with His glory that praise becomes as natural as breathing.

Personal Reflection: When you think about who God is -- His power, His faithfulness, His salvation -- does your heart respond with spontaneous praise, or does worship feel like an obligation? What might be crowding out genuine praise in your daily life?

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Day 2: Ready and
Waiting

Reading:
Matthew 25:1-13;
Revelation 19:6-9

The parable of the ten virgins is one of the most sobering stories Jesus ever told. Five were prepared. Five were not. The difference was not effort or appearance -- it was readiness. In Revelation 19, the bride of Christ has made herself ready, clothed in fine linen representing the righteous deeds that flow from genuine faith. That readiness is not self-produced. It comes from abiding in Christ, trusting His righteousness, and responding to His invitation. The bridegroom is coming. The door will not remain open forever. The most important question you can answer today is not what you have accomplished, but whether you know Him.

Personal Reflection: If Christ returned today, would you describe yourself as ready? Not perfect -- but genuinely trusting in Him, walking with Him, and longing for His return?

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Day 3: Clothed in His
Righteousness

Reading:
Isaiah 61:10;
Ephesians 5:25-27;
Romans 3:21-24

There is something deeply humbling and deeply freeing about the truth that we cannot make ourselves clean. The bride of Christ does not arrive at the marriage supper having earned her white garments through personal achievement. She is clothed in righteousness that comes entirely from the Lamb. Ephesians 5 tells us that Christ gave Himself up for the church to sanctify her, to cleanse her, to present her without spot or wrinkle or blemish. This is not wishful thinking -- it is the declared reality for everyone who is in Christ. When the Father looks at you, He sees His Son. That is not a small thing. That is everything.

Personal Reflection: Do you live as though you are truly covered by the righteousness of Christ, or do you carry a weight of guilt and shame that His blood has already removed?

How might believing this truth more deeply change the way you approach God today?

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Day 4: Faithful and True
-- The King Who
Returns

Reading:
Revelation 19:11-16;
Psalm 2:1-12;
John 1:1-5

When Jesus returns, He will come not as a humble servant riding a borrowed donkey, but as the conquering King on a white horse, robed in authority, crowned with many diadems, and bearing the name King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is called Faithful and True -- a name that stands in stark contrast to every earthly ruler who has ever broken a promise or abused power. The world has never seen leadership like His. Every word He has ever spoken has come to pass. Every promise He has made will be fulfilled. He is not a king who abandons His people. He is the King who comes back for them.

Personal Reflection: In what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to trust that God is faithful and true? What would it look like to surrender those areas to the King who has never once failed?

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Day 5: Every Knee
Will Bow

Reading:
Philippians 2:5-11;
Revelation 19:17-21;
Isaiah 63:1-6

The final vision of Revelation 19 is not comfortable. It is a picture of absolute divine victory over every force that has opposed God and corrupted His creation. The beast and the false prophet are defeated. The armies of rebellion are overthrown. And the One sitting on the white horse reigns without rival. Philippians 2 tells us that God has highly exalted Christ and given Him the name above every name, so that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. That day is coming with certainty. The only question that remains for each of us is whether we bow willingly in love and faith today, or whether we are found standing against Him on that day.

Personal Reflection: Is Jesus truly Lord of your life -- not just in belief, but in the daily decisions, habits, and priorities that define how you live? Where is He still waiting to be given the throne?

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