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Revelation 19:9, "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are **called** unto **the marriage supper of the Lamb**. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

When the time of the formation of the marriage of God's Lamb has come, God will call His Church to take part unto this marriage supper. By this God will bring about unto us His perfect redemption of all power of sin by our willingly taking part in this divine supper. By doing so we will get redeemed, already here on earth, from all spot and wrinkle of sin, being so wash in His blood perfectly. Only hereafter He is able to share His marriage with us. I may draw your attention to God's Word, that referring to this quotation, it tells us, that He calls us to the supper of the marriage of **His Lamb**, of Jesus Christ in His function of **Lamb of God**. This tells us, that we, by taking part in this spiritual marriage, have to take communication with **His death and resurrection** on Golgotha (i.e. Calvary), by which we also will get to the death of our sinful self perfectly.

Ephesians 5:26-27, "That He might sanctify and cleanse it (i.e. the Church) with the washing of water by the word (of God), That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it (i.e. the Bride-church) should be holy and without blemish."

When we want to take part in this marriage of the Lamb, we have to experience His **perfect redemption** of the power of sin, even unto the deepest depth of our being by the washing in the shed blood of God's Lamb, brought about by the Holy Spirit. Not before this cleansing perfectly has been done He is able to clothe us with His divine glory and majesty, and fill our inner being with His divine justice, so revealing His divine nature IN and TROUGH us. This, the Bible calls the revelation of the sons of God.¹

Romans 8:18-19, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for **the manifestation of the sons of God** (see note ¹)."

Isaiah 60:1-3, "Arise (don't stay asleep spiritually), shine; for thy Light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and **His glory shall be seen upon thee** (i.e. the Bride). ² And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to **the brightness** of thy rising."

The 7 spiritual steps we have to make with our Lord to accomplish in His power this perfect sanctification and marriage with God's Lamb – here on earth.

1. Not only do we have to convert ourselves unto God and have faith in Him and in His Word, but we also have to open our heart and being for our Lord Jesus Christ. By doing so He is able to bring about His finished work on Golgotha (i.e. Calvary) in our heart and being. By this graceful work in our heart and life we at last will perfectly take part in His death and resurrection and will at last totally die from our sinful life up to the deepest parts of our subconscious. May we die before this sanctification has been brought about unto us by the Spirit of God, so the rest of this way of our cross He will recount unto us.

Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door (of the heart), I will come in to him and will **sup** ³ with him, and he with Me."

The above mentioned is what He meant by saying: Then I will sub with him and he with Me.

- 2. This contact with the Lord WE have to persist, so HE is able to share with us His divine work in our sinful heart and being perfectly.
 - 2 Corinthians 4:10-11, "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the (resurrection) life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the (resurrection) life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh (so: here on earth)."

¹ Also daughters (of God) will become – **if they are perfect 'in Him'** – (spiritual) sons of God. It is the so called male maturity: "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13). And, when we have entered the eternity, there are no mariages anymore, nor is there intercourse between man and woman, because no propagation is needed there.

² Compare this verse with **The Song of Solomon** (the book **about the Bride and the Bridegroom**) 6 verse 10: "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" Compare this verse also with Revelation 12 verse 1.

³ "The marriage or wedding supper of the Lamb". Revelation 19:9, "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

3. WE also have to persist in bearing about His finished work in our being: His death and resurrection for us.

Luke 9:23, "And He said to **them all**, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up **his** cross daily, and follow Me."

"Our" cross is our free participation in His death and resurrection, so we are able to die indeed from our sinful old life. This way of our cross we have to bring about **fully** – in His strength – and our Lord Jesus Christ will continually lead us on this way. In case we would die before we reach the end of this road, the rest of this road is granted to us and counted as if we finished it.

4. For this He suddenly will in the last days pour out the fire of His Spirit, till we by this action of His Spirit will be cleansed perfectly. Let us undergo this purification meekly and willingly.

Malachi 3:1-3, "Behold, I will send My messenger (type of all called and anointed servants of our Lord Jesus Christ), and he (the called and anointed servants) shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly (in and through the Holy Spirit) come to His temple (i.e. to His spiritual "vessels" – that we should be), even the Messenger of the (Blood-)covenant, whom ye delight in (i.e. the Lord Jesus Christ, invisibly in and through the Holy Spirit): behold, He shall come, saith the LORD of hosts ⁴. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand (not lie in sin or spiritual sleep) when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap ⁵: And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi (type of all wise, called and anointed servants of the Lord Jesus Christ), and (He shall) purge them as gold and silver (a complete cleaning till there is nothing left that even reminds us of dirt, or any impurity), that they may offer unto the LORD an (meat-)offering ⁶ (type of their anointed ministry of the Word, the so-called spiritual food) in righteousness (by wisdom from the Teacher for righteousness ⁷ – i.e. the Lord Jesus Christ – see Joel 2:23)."

5. Then He will pour out His divine love over us and in our heart. By this divine action of Him we will love Him above all and our neighbour as ourselves.

Romans 5:5, "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Mark 12:30-31, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

6. After this He will pour out His Latter Rain over and in us, which will bring about refreshing divine life to us **up to all perfection**.

Joel 2:23-27, "Be glad then, ye children of Zion (type of the Church), and rejoice in the Lord, your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately (better: the Teacher for righteousness ⁸ – i.e. the Lord Jesus Christ, invisible in and by the Holy Spirit), and He will cause to come down for you the (spiritual) rain, the former Rain, and the latter Rain ⁹ as in the beginning (literal translation: namely, as in the apostolical time). And the floors (of your heart) shall be full of wheat (type of the divine food, God's true Word), and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil (the divine life in and through the Holy Spirit). And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm (types of demonic powers and misleading spirits in the Churches), my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat (of the spiritual food which I give unto you) in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in

⁴ LORD of hosts = God, the Commander of God's army (the godly army of human workers and angels).

⁵ Fullers = This are people who make the linen white by (bleaching it with) soap. Spiritually this means that we – in and through His Blood – have to become "white", meaning to become completely cleansed and pure. See Ephesians 5:26-27 (see above) and also Psalms 51:9, Isaiah 1:16 en 18.

⁶ <u>Daniel 9 verse 27, the last (year)week:</u>

[&]quot;And he (i.e. the Angel of the Blood Covenant, the Lord Jesus Christ, invisible in and by the Holy Spirit – see Malachi 3:1) shall confirm the covenant with many (by wisdom from the Teacher for righteousness – see Joel 2:23) for one (year) week (i.e. 7 years): and in the midst of the week (thus after 3½ years) he shall cause the sacrifice (i.e. participate in the sacrifice of God's Lamb on Calvary – see a.o. 2 Corinthians 4:10-11) and the oblation (or offering – i.e. the anointed ministry of the Word by which many will come to the faith and get deeper knowledge of God's Word) to cease (Therefore after this no one can receive the grace of being washed in His Blood. The Bride will be taken away and the tribulation that also lasts for 3½ year begins)."

⁷ See a.o. the Thompson Chain-Reference Bible.

⁸ See a.o. the Thompson Chain-Reference Bible.

⁹ The latter Rain = Type for the **outpouring** of the Holy Spirit in the end time – see Joel 2:23b en 28-29.

7. At last He will clothe His Bride here on earth with divine glory and majesty. So He is able to repair by her His in many sins fallen Church and lead the great world wide revival.

Revelation 12:1, "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven (i.e. the kingdom of heaven on earth, namely: the Bride-church); a woman ¹¹ clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

Here, inwardly and outwardly, the Bride is clothed with the threefold revelation of almighty God, namely:

the sun : type of the Father,the moon : type of the Son,

• the stars : type of the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 45:9-15, "...upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir. Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty: for He is thy Lord; and worship thou Him. And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the (spiritual) rich among the people shall intreat thy favour. The King's daughter is all glorious WITHIN: her clothing is of wrought gold (her OUTWARD, visible glory). She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her (type of "the remnant of her seed", see Rev. 12:17) shall be brought unto thee. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace."

Further, Isaiah too (in chapter 4:2-6) declares the glory of the Bride(church). Many Christianised (converted to Christianity) Israelites, will be members of the Bride of the Lamb, especially those from the supposedly lost 10 tribes.

Isaiah 4:2-6, "In that day shall the branch of the Lord (type of the true Church) be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called **holy**, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth (type of sin) of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof **by the spirit of judgement, and by the spirit of burning**. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain (type of God's protection in times of need)."

Isaiah 2:2, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it (type of great power of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the Church)"

Hosea 3:4-5, "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days (i.e. the last days or the end time)."

Isaiah 60:1-3, "Arise (don't stay in your sin or spiritually asleep), shine; for thy Light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee (i.e. on the Bride).¹² And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

Isaiah 61:10-11, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God, for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before **all the nations** (type of the **world wide** revival)."

¹⁰ Rom. 2 verse 29: "But **he is a Jew** (or **Israelite), which is one inwardly**; and **circumcision is that of the heart**, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."

<u>From the Biblical encyclopaedia</u>: Israel means literally: "he (or she) fights with God" or "God fights". And Jew – in German: "die Jude" (from the tribe of Judah) – means: "Praise" or "He (namely: the Lord) shall be praised".

¹¹ Mentioned as 'The Bride' BEFORE the Marriage of the Lamb. Mentioned as 'The Women' AFTER the Marriage of the Lamb.

¹² See note 2.

Luke 14 verse 15-24: Parable of the Great Supper.

Mentioned from verse 16:

"Then said He unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are NOW ready. And they all with one consent (in agreement with each other) began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them (try them out): I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of these men which were bidden (first) shall taste of my supper."

With the supper described above, the great Supper of the Marriage of the Lamb is symbolized by the Lord. It is a prophetic type thereof.

Here the appalling fact is expressed that those that were invited to this supper, at the time that the Marriage of the Lamb will be celebrated, will have more interest in their possessions in this world, than in the partaking of this (divine) banquet. They give greater priority to worldly goods than to the spiritual and divine.

Those that are (will be) invited to the Supper of the Marriage of the Lamb are children of God; they are the ones who were cleansed in His blood and filled with His Holy Spirit.

But we see what will happen in the end-time under the influence of the (ever) increasing unrighteousness: the love for their Lord and Saviour, with many, will cool because of the (often unconsciously) permitted intrusions of the spirit of this world (see Matthew 24:12).

Therefore, especially in this end-time, we must fight sin in all its forms, so also worldly-mindedness, with fire and sword; in order to keep those outside the gates of our heart! (see James 4:4). The prophecy of the parable of the five wise and the five foolish virgins ¹³ (see Matthew 25:1-13) tells us, that the spirit of this (present) world will have such a great effect on **all** of the Kingdom of God (namely on **all** ten virgins), that it will **entirely** fall asleep (spiritually)!

In the beginning of the twentieth century the Pentecostal movement, led by the Holy Spirit, sounded forth loudly its Maranatha call (the call that the Lord will soon return), because of which there was a revival everywhere. They went out in this world as ten virgins, full of (spiritual) fire and in the strength of His testimony. But... unfortunately – for lack of vigilance for the spirit of the world – this testimony strength gradually disappeared from the Pentecostal movement again. The ten bright lamps went out... The majority of the Pentecostal children (whereby are meant Christians who are filled with His Holy Spirit, just as on that first Pentecost we read about in Acts 2) at this moment is (spiritually) asleep and weak... The Spirit of God had to withdraw His strength from these children of God, because worldly interests came into their heart...

In above verses, the first group that was invited, and whom God's servant, the Holy Spirit, addressed had become entangled in worldly riches. "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it..." The possession of a piece of land here stands for (their desire for) riches and a good job in this world. Many Christians, and unfortunately also many Pentecostal children, lost their first love because of this; because they did not continue to love the Lord **above everything else**, and gave all priority to this earthly existence because of which their soul became entangled therein.

The second group that was invited and whom the Holy Spirit addressed, has become entangled in physical lusts. "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them..." "Five yoke of oxen". The number 5 tells us of our five senses which draw us, with the strength of oxen, away from Jesus and His Kingdom, and thus from His redemptive power, to serve as slaves of the lusts of the flesh.

The third group whom the Holy Spirit addressed deemed the will of the neighbour, of his wife, of higher value than the union with the Lamb of God! "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come." How many children of God have not stayed away from congregations and prayer groups after their wedding? How many of them have not turned their backs on the Lord, or pushed Him to the background of their life, because they deemed of more value the possession of their wife than the union with the Lamb of God?

¹³ See our study, FOR FREE, "The 5 wise and the 5 foolish virgins and their destiny in the end-time".

The Spirit of God is very grieved by all this... Therefore He withdrew His wonderful testimony power from the Pentecostal children, whereby formerly many wonders and signs were done in His name. The Pentecostal children are asleep... and it is high time that they wake up from this spiritual sleep, otherwise there is a great chance that they will miss the Marriage of the Lamb! For... it is written: "I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." The five foolish virgins will be among those, for they are those unto whom the door to the wedding hall will be closed (see Matthew 25:10-12).

Let us rather turn away from our materialistic dream, from our sinful life of lusts, and from sinful relations; and turn back to our Lord and God, and again love Him above all with that wonderful first love. Let us rather (be willing to) serve Him in that former, wonderful (testimony) power, in order to pursue the fullness in Him promised to us; a life in His perfect purity and justice! If we act thus, in faith, then He will accept us and strengthen us with His Spirit!

But, Scripture also predicts a great desertion of Christ in the end-time, and that is the time we **now** live in. Many Christians will become unfaithful to Him, and will turn back to the world and its ways.

A spiritual comparison is to be made with the Jews of Jesus' days: a part of them followed Him (as the Christ), but the great majority rejected Him. But, many gentiles turned to God and His Kingdom then! Glory to God!

It is true that in this end-time there will be great apostasy of the Christian nations... but a new people will go in through the gate of God's Kingdom, and, by the Spirit of God, will be made worthy in every respect, and completely sanctified, to share the Supper of the Marriage of the Lamb! This last is mentioned in the prophecy in the verses 21-23. Gods Spirit turns then to the (spiritually) poor, crippled and blind, and calls them to take part in the wedding of the Lamb of God. This is a Holy Spirit revival under the church members, whose insight in God's Word is now (still) poor, crippled, and blinded. He calls them out and makes them partakers of the spiritual joy of the Wedding of the Lamb.

Also will God's Spirit turn to the world and, by a worldwide revival and by the force of circumstances, will bring in **many new people**. He will guide them into the perfect joy of the Marriage of the Lamb! But those, who were invited to the Wedding feast earlier, and who (when the moment arises) will not accept, **will have no part of the true spiritual joy, which the union with the Lamb brings**. Their share will be the Great Tribulation! We have been warned for this, and forewarned is forearmed. The verses 34 and 35 underline this once more:

Luke 14:34-35, "Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghil; but men cast it out (compare with Matthew 5:13 and Mark 9:49-50). He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

In Scripture salt stands for the anointing of God, for the baptism and infilling with the Holy Ghost. "For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt" (Mark 9:49). A child of God therefore, especially because of his anointing, is called "the salt of the earth" (see Matthew 5:13). Salt only has value as long as it flavors the food, and as long as it works as a preservative and as a purifier. The anointing is only of value in the life of a child of God when, in and through him, it can work powerfully to testify, **and** when it purifies and sanctifies his life. But when the salt becomes saltless (i.e. tasteless and useless) it is thrown away!

So the child of God, too, whose anointing, by his worldly-mindedness, has become powerless, will suffer the Great Tribulation. He will not be deemed worthy to be kept safe in the desert with the Bride(church) of Christ under God's covering power, out of sight of the serpent (whereby is meant the antichrist, in whom satan dwells and rules – see Revelation 12:14).

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