

Sermon on Revelation 19 & 20

Theme: The Triumph of Christ and the Final Judgment

Introduction

Beloved, Revelation 19 and 20 bring us to the climax of God's plan in history—the return of Jesus Christ in glory, His final victory over all evil, and the ultimate judgment of the wicked. These chapters assure us of two things: the certainty of Christ's triumph and the hope of the believer's eternal destiny.

I. Revelation 19 – Christ's Glorious Appearing

1. The Heavenly Hallelujahs (Revelation 19:1–10)

- John hears a great multitude in heaven crying: **“Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honour and power belong to the Lord our God!”** (v. 1).
- Heaven rejoices over the judgment of Babylon, representing the corrupt world system that opposed God (cf. Rev. 18).
- This is a reminder that **God's judgments are true and righteous** (v. 2).
- The marriage supper of the Lamb is announced: *“Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!”* (v. 9).
 - The Church, Christ's bride, has made herself ready, clothed in **fine linen, clean and bright** symbolizing the righteous acts of the saints (v. 8).

Application: Believers are called to live pure and holy lives, preparing for that glorious wedding feast with Christ (Ephesians 5:27; Matthew 25:10).

2. The Second Coming of Christ (Revelation 19:11–16)

- John sees heaven opened and a white horse: *“He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war”* (v. 11).
- His eyes are like a flame of fire, His head crowned with many crowns, and His name: **“The Word of God”** (v. 13; cf. John 1:1).
- Armies in heaven follow Him, clothed in fine linen, riding on white horses (v. 14).
- From His mouth comes a sharp sword to strike the nations (v. 15).
- Written on His robe and thigh: **“KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS”** (v. 16).

Application: This is the visible, glorious return of Christ, as foretold in Matthew 24:30 and Acts 1:11. Believers look forward to this day with hope and readiness (Titus 2:13).

3. The Defeat of the Beast and False Prophet (Revelation 19:17–21)

- An angel summons the birds to feast on the flesh of kings, captains, mighty men, horses, and all people who oppose Christ (vv. 17–18).

- The beast (Antichrist) and the false prophet are captured and cast alive into the lake of fire (v. 20).
- The rest are slain by the sword from Christ's mouth (v. 21).

Application: Evil will not prevail. The powers of darkness, no matter how mighty, will be utterly destroyed by Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:8).

II. Revelation 20 – The Final Judgment and Eternal Destiny

1. The Binding of Satan (Revelation 20:1–3)

- An angel descends with the key to the bottomless pit and chains Satan for **a thousand years** (v. 2).
- He is bound so he cannot deceive the nations during the millennium (v. 3).

Application: Satan's power is real but limited. He is not eternal or sovereign—Christ has authority over him (Romans 16:20).

2. The Millennial Reign of Christ (Revelation 20:4–6)

- John sees thrones; those who were martyred for Christ reign with Him for a thousand years (v. 4).
- This is called the **first resurrection**—the blessed hope of the saints (v. 5–6).
- *“Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power”* (v. 6).

Application: Those who are faithful unto death will reign with Christ (2 Timothy 2:12). This should motivate us to persevere in faithfulness.

3. The Final Defeat of Satan (Revelation 20:7–10)

- After the thousand years, Satan is released briefly and deceives the nations once more (vv. 7–8).
- They surround the camp of the saints, but fire comes down from heaven and devours them (v. 9).
- The devil is cast into the lake of fire where the beast and false prophet are, tormented day and night forever (v. 10).

Application: Evil will rise again, but its end is sure. Satan's doom is eternal. Believers need not fear him (1 John 4:4).

4. The Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11–15)

- John sees a great white throne and Him who sat on it—heaven and earth flee from His face (v. 11).

- The dead, small and great, stand before God, and books are opened—including the **Book of Life** (v. 12).
- The dead are judged according to their works (v. 13).
- Death and Hades are cast into the lake of fire—this is the **second death** (v. 14).
- Anyone not found written in the Book of Life is cast into the lake of fire (v. 15).

Application: This is the most solemn moment of human destiny. Salvation in Christ alone secures our name in the Book of Life (John 3:16; Philippians 4:3). There is no escape, no second chance. Today is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2).

III. Lessons for Believers

1. **Live holy and ready** for the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7–8; 2 Peter 3:14).
2. **Trust in Christ’s victory**—He will defeat all evil powers (Revelation 19:20; Romans 8:37).
3. **Persevere in faith**—a crown of reigning with Christ awaits the faithful (Revelation 20:4–6; James 1:12).
4. **Take evangelism seriously**—eternal destinies are at stake (Revelation 20:15; Jude 23).
5. **Rejoice in eternal hope**—for Satan’s end is certain, and believers’ future is glorious (Revelation 20:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:17).

Conclusion

Revelation 19 and 20 assure us that history is not spiralling out of control—God is in charge. Christ will return, the wicked will be judged, Satan will be destroyed, and the saints will reign with their Lord.

Beloved, the question is not **whether Christ will triumph**—that is settled. The question is: **Are our names written in the Lamb’s Book of Life?** Today, let us surrender fully to Christ, walk in holiness, and live with hope, awaiting His glorious appearing.

“Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20).