

## **“His Wife Hath Made Herself Ready”**

*Scripture reading: Revelation 19:6-8*

In Revelation 19:7 we read about the marriage of the Lamb. This marriage of the Lamb is something that God is doing even right now. God is strengthening the bride. Let us look at the verse, *"And his wife hath made herself READY."* The bride is going to MAKE HERSELF ready. In the natural, a bride has many attendants who help her to dress and to be prepared. The Scriptures say that this bride *"hath made HERSELF ready."* In 2 Corinthians 11:2 the apostle Paul says, *"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."*

Luke 12:40, *"Be ye therefore READY also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."* God is telling us to *"be...READY."* God expects us to use the tools which He has provided in the Word of God to prepare ourselves, to get ourselves ready for His coming. 1 Corinthians 16:13, *"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."*

Peter states very clearly and even outlines eight steps for us to climb up into *"the DIVINE NATURE."* 2 Peter 1:4, *"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."* We cannot have *"the divine nature"* unless we escape the corruption and the lust. We must first get out of the corruption, out of the lust, and then the divine nature will come to us. How can we do that? We can do that by SUBMITTING to the Spirit of God and submitting to the things that God will do for us to bring us into this nature.

We have to suffer in order to attain this nature. 2 Peter 1:5-11, *"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your FAITH virtue; and to VIRTUE knowledge; And to KNOWLEDGE temperance; and to TEMPERANCE patience; and to PATIENCE godliness; And to GODLINESS brotherly kindness; and to BROTHERLY KINDNESS charity (the Greek is agape, GOD'S LOVE). For if these things be IN YOU, and abound, they MAKE YOU that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, GIVE DILIGENCE to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye SHALL NEVER FALL: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."*

The bride then must use the precious promises of God to make herself ready; must use the Word of God to make herself ready; must use the power of the Holy Ghost to make herself ready. Even the gifts of the Spirit, as God gives to the believer, are designed to help the bride get ready.

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*Thought for today:* Let us use the promises of God, the Word of God, and the power of the Holy Ghost to make ourselves ready.