

Righteousness by Faith Series
The Wedding Garment
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What are the five most anticipated parts of a wedding?

1. Decorations
2. Bride & her wedding dress
3. Wedding ceremonies and vows
4. Reception
5. Wedding cake

The very first wedding took place on the sixth day of God creation between Adam and Eve. The wedding took place in the beautiful Garden of Eden with the natural decorations of a variety trees, plants and flowers. I can imagine that the decorations included a beautiful waterfront with rolling hills. Many large and small animals that Adam just named were in attendance. The melodies of the birds provided some of the most beautiful background music.

Let's take a look at this grand wedding of the very first marriage between Adam and Eve on the sixth day of creation in the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 2:7-8, 18 - 25

7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

Here is the wedding and marriage verses 21 and 22

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Verses 23 – 24 are the wedding vows...

23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

The wedding garments of Adam and Eve were the beautiful and pure lights of God. Remember, they were in the physical presence of God who is the essence of light. Their skins reflected and illuminated the light of God.

When Moses was in the presence of God and was allowed to see the backward parts of God that declared His glory, the skin on his face was illuminated by the pure light of God.

Exodus 34:29, 30, 33 - 35

- 29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.
- 30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.
- 33 And *till* Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face.
- 34 But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel *that* which he was commanded.
- 35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Jesus revealed his light on the mountain

Matthew 17:1-2

- 1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,
- 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

John the apostle and prophet also sees the light of Jesus

Revelation 1:16

- 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and **his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.**

"Before the entrance of sin not a cloud rested upon the minds of our first parents to obscure their perception of the character of God. They were perfectly conformed to the will of God. For a covering a beautiful light, the light of God, surrounded them. This clear and perfect light illuminated everything which they approached. Ellen White, Testimonies Vol. 8 p. 255.1}

The faithful will also be clothed with the literal light of Christ like Adam and Eve were at Creation because we will be in the very presence of the Light, Jesus Christ.

Jesus' true church is His bride. The official wedding ceremony and vows takes place in the Most Holy Place in Heaven after the investigative judgment is complete and right before the coming of Jesus Christ.

Daniel 7:9-10

- 9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame,

and his wheels as burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. (Investigative Judgment started in 1844 and soon to end)

The heavenly wedding ceremony in which Jesus officially take dominion of the everlasting kingdom.

Daniel 7:13-14

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

By faith we must follow Christ's work in the Heavenly sanctuary. We are all invited to attend the wedding ceremony in Heaven by faith.

We are all invited to the wedding. This invitation is explained in a parable of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 22:1-14

1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and *my* fatlings *are* killed, and all things *are* ready: come unto the marriage.

5 But they made light of *it*, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated *them* spitefully, and slew *them*.

7 But when the king heard *thereof*, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few *are* chosen.

Before the wedding took place the king made sure that all the guest had on the proper wedding garment. This scene in this parable is pointing to the investigative judgment that take place in the most holy place in the heavenly temple God.

We are all invited but we must have on the wedding garment of Christ that is without spot or

wrinkle.

What does the wedding garment represent?

Revelation 19:7-8

- 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.
- 8 **And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

The righteousness of the saints is only made possible because they are wearing Christ's robe of righteous.

What does "righteous" mean?

Righteous = Hebrew – tsaddîyq (tsad-deek')
From H6663; just: - **just, lawful**.

Righteous = Greek - dikaios (dik'-ah-yos)
From G1349; **equitable (in character or act)**; by implication **innocent, holy** (absolutely or relatively): - just.

All of those who wear the robe of Christ's righteous are just and lawful citizens in the kingdom of God by faith.

Can a sinner be righteousness? NO!

Romans 3:23 – All have sinned and fallen short of God's Glory.

Romans 3:10 -19 – None righteous, no not one

Isaiah 64:6 – Our "righteousness are filthy rags"

Who will be God's wedding guests?

Psalms 37:29

29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

1 Corinthians 6:9

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived:** neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind

Effeminate and abusers of themselves with mankind is referring to homosexuals (LGBTQ). LGBTQ may be gaining political power in this sin filled earth.

They maybe gaining undeserved "rights" in the legal courts of this earth, but in the kingdom of God they have no rights to inherit a righteous place unless they repent and turn from their LGBTQ sinful lifestyle.

Joe Biden and his White House has appointed several LGBTQ to administrative and cabinet positions in the White House such as:

- 1) Rachel Levine would be the first OPENLY transgender person nominee for United States Assistant Secretary of Health. He was the secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Health from 2017 -21.
- 2) Pete Buttigieg (Boota-judge) is the first openly gay US cabinet nominee as transportation secretary.
- 3) Carlos Elizondo, first gay social secretary.
- 4) Karine Jean-Pierre, deputy White House press secretary.
- 5) Pili Tobar, deputy White House communications director.
- 6) Stuart Delery, White House deputy counsel.
- 7) Gautam Raghavan, deputy director of the presidential personnel office.

Joe Biden signed executive order to repeal ban on transgender people from serving in the military.

Prophetically, the US government is getting worse and worse in total rebellion against the word of God.

Remember Jesus is coming for His bride, His true church, that has been purified and made holy through His blood.

Ephesians 5:27

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Revelation 16:15 (last part) "Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame" [Revelation 16:15]."

Do you have on the righteous wedding garment of Christ? His wedding is soon to take place after the completion of the investigative judgment.

Will you be dressed as righteous or guilty when God investigates your character in the courts of heaven?

Righteous by faith series to be continued...

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