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WEDDING BELLS



THE VENUE HAS BEEN SECURED, THE INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT, THE CATERER HAS BEEN RETAINED AND THE LONG LIST OF "TO DO" ITEMS IS QUICKLY BECOMING SHORTER. THIS COMING SATURDAY OUR SON WILL BE UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE. WE ARE EXCITED FOR PAUL AND AMANDA. NO MATTER WHAT THE WEATHER MAY BE, IT WILL BE A BEAUTIFUL DAY. IT'S ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL TO SEE TWO BELIEVERS, WHOLLY COMMITTED TO GOD, JOIN TOGETHER IN HOLY MATRIMONY. THOUGH HAVING PERFORMED A NUMBER OF WEDDINGS, THIS ONE WILL BE ESPECIALLY SPECIAL FOR ME.

ON SATURDAY THE WEDDING GUESTS WILL BE THINKING ABOUT WHAT TO WEAR AND WHEN TO LEAVE IN ORDER TO ARRIVE EARLY ENOUGH BUT NOT TOO EARLY AT A BARN NEAR DALEVILLE WHERE THE WEDDING NUPTIALS WILL BE SHARED. AS FAR AS I KNOW I'LL BE THERE ABOUT TWO HOURS EARLY AND WEARING A NEW GRAY SUIT.

WITH THIS SPECIAL WEDDING IN MIND I THOUGHT ABOUT ANOTHER MUCH LARGER WEDDING THAT WILL ONE DAY TAKE PLACE IN HEAVEN. IN REVELATION 19:6B-9 WE READ, "HALLELUJAH! FOR THE LORD OUR GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, REIGNS. "LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD AND GIVE THE GLORY TO HIM, FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB HAS COME AND HIS BRIDE HAS MADE HERSELF READY." IT WAS GIVEN TO HER TO CLOTHE HERSELF IN FINE LINEN, BRIGHT AND CLEAN; FOR THE FINE LINEN IS THE RIGHTEOUS ACTS OF THE SAINTS. THEN HE SAID TO ME, "WRITE, 'BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE INVITED TO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.'" AND HE SAID TO ME, "THESE ARE TRUE WORDS OF GOD." (NASV).

WHAT WILL WE WEAR TO THIS WEDDING? THE TEXT INDICATES THAT WE, AS CHRIST'S BRIDE, WILL BE GIVEN FINE, BRIGHT LINEN. THESE GARMENTS ARE OURS AFTER BEING EXAMINED AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST TO DETERMINE WHETHER OUR DEEDS AS CHRISTIANS WERE WORTHWHILE OR NOT. (SEE II CORINTHIANS 5:10). IN ADDITION I THINK WE'LL BE ADORNED WITH CROWNS. THESE REWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO US BY GOD FOR BEING DISCIPLINED (I COR. 9:24-27), BRINGING PEOPLE TO CHRIST (PHIL. 4:1), LOVING HIS APPEARING (II TIM. 4:7-8), AND PERSEVERING UNDER TRIAL (JAMES 1:12 AND REV. 2:10). IT WILL BE OUR PRIVILEGE TO CAST THOSE CROWNS AT JESUS' FEET. OF COURSE JESUS CHRIST, THE GROOM WILL BE HANDSOMELY CROWNED WITH MANY DIADEMS AND STUNNINGLY CLOTHED WITH A ROBE DIPPED IN BLOOD. (SEE REV. 19:12-13). WOW, WHAT A WEDDING THAT WILL BE!

WEDDING BELLS: GOOD FOR OUR SON BUT EVEN GREATER FOR THE SAVED!

LOOKING UP,
PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE