

The Honored Guests



There is nothing like participating in or being a guest at a beautiful wedding. A grand wedding unlike any other was scheduled take place. The groom his took time preparing to meet his bride. He waited as long as he could to give her time for preparation as well. (Revelation 19:7-9; 2 Peter 3:9)

The beautiful, pure and holy bride adorned herself in anticipation of the long awaited event. She waited for him day and night along with her wedding party. Upon his arrival, they will join him to go to the wedding chapel. Since the bridegroom's arrival had been long anticipated, some of the guests grew weary and went back home planning to meet at the couple at the chapel. Some guests followed the wrong directions and got lost, unable to find the wedding party. Some guests got busy with family matters, appointments, business and so forth; thus, never arrived. (Matthew 22:5-6) Still others crashed the wedding party and intermingled, but their names were not on the list and were turned away. (Matthew 22:11-12)

On the day the bridegroom set out to retrieve his bride, everyone was engaged in various activities. He arrived unnoticed. The bride went to him and took his hand. He led her out, completely unseen by the awaiting guests. When they realized that the bridegroom had come and taken the bride away, there was loud wailing and sorrow. It was too late. No one knew how to get to the chapel.

The guests were grieved because they attended the bride. They helped prepare her for the wedding day and expected to be honored guests. But they were so busy performing tasks that they failed to get themselves dressed and ready. They neither saw the bridegroom arrive, nor did they see them depart.

He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Soon a wedding will take place. It will be unlike any other. On an ordinary day Christ, the bridegroom, is coming to retrieve his bride, the church. (1 Thessalonians 5:4; 2 Peter 3:8-10) Blessed are those who are ready and watching. (Luke 12:35-38)

Will you be like the honored guests left behind, or will the bridegroom find you ready and watching? Where are you in your walk of faith? I pray that God, the Great I Am, will reveal the condition of your heart. May he expose every sin that hinders your walk and give you a heart that seeks to know him. I pray that you will search for his eternal truth and allow him to guide your steps to the glory of His holy name.

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