

Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare

Week 7 – Monday

Rev. 19:7-8, 14

Lord Jesus we love You. Lord, we thank You that we could be gathered here together into Your name. We tell You that You are our first love. You have the preeminence in this gathering. We honour You as our Head. We also tell You that we love You as our dear Bridegroom. Lord You are our focus and our aim. We love You Lord Jesus and we give this time to You. We ask that You would breathe on Your word. Speak to every one of us. We thank You for Your living word. We declare that we live by every word that proceeds out of Your mouth. We are hungry for more of You. Lord, we also realize that You have an enemy. As You are building Your church we know that he will always contest; even he may try to attack our thoughts here. We pray that You would give us the whole armour of God even in this meeting. Give us the shield of faith; give us the helmet of salvation; protect us. We love You Lord. Amen.

We have been enjoying the matters of the divine romance and the spiritual warfare. Actually, I don't know if you can say that we have been enjoying the spiritual warfare but we have been seeing something about the spiritual warfare. We have seen that in the scriptures these two matters of the bride and the corporate warrior have been put together quite a number of times. We saw some of these portions. For example, we just read these verses in Ephesians chapter 6, but Ephesians chapter 5 shows that the church is the bride. Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. His intention is to gain His bride that He might present the church to Himself glorious as His counterpart. In chapter 6 is the matter of warfare: "Put on the whole armour of God." So the church is a corporate warrior. Once we get to the details, the first point that I hope we can see is that though the armour has its application to us personally, actually only the church can have the whole armour of God. So, if you want to experience and enjoy the protection of the armour of God, you must be practically in the Body. You must be in the church life to have the experience of the whole armour of God.

Not only are these two matters close together in Ephesians 5 and 6, Revelation chapter 19 has these two matters just a few verses apart. There is a declaration before the Lord comes: "The bride has made herself ready." Praise the Lord! One day this will be declared. The bride has made herself ready and she is clothed with fine linen, bright and pure (vv. 7-8). Of course, then the Lord comes for His bride. Then just a few verses later we see that when the Lord comes to fight the Antichrist and his armies, He does not come alone (v. 14). The Lord come with His armies, but it is very interesting that His armies are clothed with fine linen, bright and pure just like the bride a few verse before. So this shows us that that bride is these armies; that bride is God's corporate warrior.