



The Scarlet Thread of Redemption
Lesson 8: Our Future Hope

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INTRODUCTION:

SCRIPTURE READING:

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

13 Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” 14 I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.....
Revelation 7:9-14 (NLT)

TABLE STUDY:

1. Describe the crowd before the throne. Where are they from? What language do they speak? Are any ethnicities excluded from this gathering? How would you describe God’s love for all nations after reading these verses?
2. Put yourself in this scene. What do you see? Hear? How does this make you feel?
3. What were the people crying out? What does this mean to you?

TEACHING NOTES:

TABLE DISCUSSION:

1. Have you ever considered the metaphor of a marriage between Jesus Christ and his church? What are your thoughts?
2. Read together Revelation 19:6-9. As Christ followers, how do we acquire the linen garment? What does it represent? How can both grace and “works” be part of our salvation?
3. Read Matt. 22:1-14 together. How do verses 8-10 relate to the ideas of redemption that we’ve talked about this semester? Verses 11-14 may initially seem harsh; but after having read the passage from Revelation 19, how might you view these verses differently?
4. Read together Revelation 21:3-5
“I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”
What things in these verses are you most excited about? What gives you hope?

UNISON READING: Ephesians 1:7 [NIV]

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.”