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God the Father and the Marriage of the Lamb.

(Revelation 19:6-7)

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Although I believe my aim is pure and God's will perfect this document is still the product of a human man, as to such I neither claim perfect knowledge or perfect understanding.

God the Father

And

The Marriage of the Lamb.

- **Revelation 19:6-7:** Then I (John) heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.”⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.
- The voice of a great multitude, many waters and mighty thundering’s all refer to those who have remained faithful to Christ.
- The Lord God omnipotent refers to God.
- The Lamb refers the Lord Jesus Christ.
- His wife refers to faithful brothers and sisters in Christ.

These verses highlight the truth that Jesus cannot be God since here we have John in this heavenly vision seeing the omnipotent God and the Lamb of God together. The Lamb of God always refers to Jesus and never to God the Father, since it was Jesus who laid his life down as the Passover Lamb without blemish to redeem sinners to God and to eternal life. Obviously, Jesus cannot be God when John sees God and the Lamb together in heaven. At this present time God, the Father is calling out of the nations of the world a bride for his most beloved Son.

The following verses clearly show that the book of Revelation separates the Father and the Son throughout eternity:

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- The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him (Rev. 1:1).
- Jesus made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father (Rev. 1:6).
- I (Jesus) will confess the name of the one who conquers before my Father (Revelation 3:5).
- The one who conquers, I (Jesus) will make a pillar in the temple of my God (Revelation 3:12).
- I (Jesus) will write on the faithful the name of my God, (Rev. 3:12).
- You (Jesus) were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God (Revelation 5:9).
- You (Jesus) have made them a kingdom and priests to our God (Rev. 5:10).
- To him (God) who sits on the throne and to the Lamb (Jesus) be honour (Revelation 5:13).
- Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb (Revelation 7:10).
- Salvation of our God and the authority of his Christ have come (Revelation 12:10).
- For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns let us give him the glory for the marriage of the Lamb has come (Rev. 19:6-7).
- Whoever shares in the first resurrection will be priests of God and of Christ (Revelation 20:6).

- I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb (Rev. 21:22).
- The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb (Rev. 21:22).
- The angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb (Rev. 22:1).
- No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it (Rev. 22:3).

From these verses we see that:

- Salvation belongs to God the Father and to the Lord Jesus Christ. This is because, God before the world began planned and purposed in His eternal mind that Jesus would be mankind's redeemer and Saviour. Without God's predestined plan of eternal salvation there would be no salvation, but without Jesus, God's plan of salvation would be left bankrupt. Thus, God is the Saviour in that He planned and purposed mankind's salvation while Jesus is the Saviour in that he fulfilled Gods eternal plan of salvation.
- John in his vision sees God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ in eternity sitting on their-own thrones in the new eternal city of God's holy city Jerusalem that descends from heaven to earth. Those who share in the first resurrection (Rev. 20:5-6) will be a Kingdom of priests to Christ and to his heavenly Father in this eternal holy city. God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ we are told will dwell with those who attained to the first resurrection throughout all eternity.

NOTE: The God the Almighty is never referred to as the Lamb it was Jesus who was slain as God's Lamb without blemish to ransom a people for God. This is why it is proper and right to give both God the Father and Christ His most beloved Son praise and honour.

A PERSONAL NOTE

Having spent half my Christian life in churches believing Jesus was God and the second half believing Jesus was not God, it is for me a shame that both sides feel threatened by each other and separate and even worse many treat each other as enemies of Christ. My heartfelt devotion, love, zeal and passion for Christ and his heavenly Father has not changed from the day I was water baptized into Christ simply because I have come to a much clearer understanding of God and His most beloved Son.

WHILE I BELIEVED THAT JESUS WAS GOD I STILL SAW IN MY MIND'S EYE AND BELIEVED THE FOLLOWING SEVEN THINGS

1. Jesus is the Son of God who came into the world through the virgin birth of Mary.
2. Jesus was the most beloved Son of God and sent by God.
3. Jesus was a man who was water baptized by John the Baptist
4. Jesus laid his life down to a brutal, bloody and cruel death so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
5. Jesus died and three days later rose and after spending some time with the apostles ascended to the right-hand side of God.
6. It is only through faith in Jesus that anyone can be reconciled to God and receives eternal life.

7. Jesus will return and gather those who belong to his family to himself in eternal glory.

Though I had a clouded or veiled view of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ I still exalted and worshipped Christ as the most beloved Son of God (howbeit as God also in certain songs and prayers). Some will ask, "Does this lack of clarity mean that I was not saved during those years I lived in faithfulness to Christ?" I personally believe I was, but that is a question for God to answer.

THE FOLLOWING ARE TWO THINGS THAT I DO KNOW FOR CERTAIN

1. The God we worship sees the true devotion, intent and motive of the heart.

2. The heart of God is the heart of a father.

As an earthly father I do not reject those who love my son and treat him with decency and respect, even though they may not fully understand his birth or heritage especially when these friends are willing to lay down their own lives down to protect him. As I father, I judge my sons' friends by the love and devotion they have toward him and by how they treat him, not by their perfect knowledge in understanding who he is. I am not jealous if my friends show the same affection toward my son as they do toward me in fact when they do it just endears me to them even more. I suspect God feels the same way.

Though we can understand Jesus with some clarity since he walked on earth amongst humanity, we cannot comprehend God his heavenly Father in the same way since no one has seen God and for this reason we should always allow a certain amount of mystery to remain concerning the Almighty God the Creator and source of all life. Added to this God is not bound by our intellectual knowledge and dogma. The God we all worship not only perceives the love, devotion and true motives of the heart, but is a God of grace and mercy and I suspect will judge each one of us against the law of love and according to our faithfulness and devotion toward His most beloved Son.