

The Marriage Banquet

Matthew 22:1-14

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ADULT

Unit 3 Lesson 11

Supplemental Texts

Luke 14:16-24

Focus Verse

“Then saith he to his servants, the wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.” – Matthew 22:8,9

Introduction

This parable is somewhat like the Great Supper parable in Luke 14:15-24, but it is different. And it is only detailed in the Gospel of Matthew. The word “again” in Matt 22:1 implies that the parable was given after the parable of the householder (Matt 21:33-46). The Jewish religious leaders had left and gone when Jesus gave the parable to His audience, based on Mark 12:12.

Deeper Look

A Certain King – Matt 22:1-7

The parable tells us about a king who sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding banquet of his son but those invited did not come. He sent yet again other servants to persuade the invitees to come and enjoy the enormous provision he has made for them. Regrettably, they ignored the royal invitation—some went about their businesses, and some abused and killed the servants. These wicked people incurred the wrath of the king on their city for their evil deeds.

The parable refers to the gospel invitation to the Gentiles upon its rejection by the Jews. The king in this parable is God, and the son is Jesus Christ. The marriage speaks to the incarnation of Christ, His death and resurrection, and universal invitation to salvation. The servants here refer to the prophets and preachers of God sent to the Jews, and the armies, the Roman soldiers.

The Wedding Is Ready – Matt 22:8-14

The banquet must go on as planned because a king has no challenge of getting guests to his party. “As many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage” was the command of the king, implying the gospel invitation now goes to all and no more restricted to a certain group of people. “When the king came in to see the guests” describes when God will come to judge the world. Jesus likely alluded to Zep 1:7,8 in this passage. In the East, it was customary to offer guests festal garments for a wedding; however, the man here failed to wear the proper robe for the wedding. Thus, he faced the consequence. Everyone who accepts the gospel invitation must put on Christ!

Questions

1. How would you describe the people who refused to come to the royal wedding banquet? What could have prevented these people from coming to the banquet? How do people respond to God's invitation to the gospel?
2. What efforts did the king make to persuade the people he had invited to come to the banquet? Why did he make these efforts after the people had refused to honor his invitation? How does the king represent the Person of God?
3. It is vivid that the invitees did not value the royal privilege given to them. What do people do today that show they place no value on the gospel invitation?
4. What could have caused the rage of some of those invited against the servants of the king? Did the servants deserve what they suffered? How does the world today treat the servants of God?
5. The verse 7 of the text was a prophecy of what would happen decades after. When was this prophecy fulfilled? If this prophecy was fulfilled, what does it mean for us today as we witness increased hatred toward God's children?
6. How many are given the gospel invitation? See Isa 55:1; Matt 11:28; John 3:16.
7. Why did a guest come in without proper clothes? What does his attitude mean to us today? Would he have had proper clothes on if he knew he would suffer?

Personal Meditation

The host's way or the guest's way? Here, we see a man invited to a royal wedding banquet in a robe different than the one provided by the host, a king. Historically, the guests of Oriental kings were given festal robes for such a banquet. In the same way, God clothes His saints (Rom 13:14; Gal 3:27) for the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev 19). To the Orientals, to be clothed in something other than the proper clothes meant that the guest felt his own clothes was fitting for the banquet. This attitude is deemed insulting to the host. So, who should comply? The host, or the guest. God has sent out His gospel invitation. Remember to put on the righteousness of Jesus alone in His kingdom. Subscribe to God's way today and forever!

Just as the guest's attire could not make him fit for the banquet, but suffered expulsion and eternal punishment, so too, our self-righteousness cannot make us fit for the kingdom of God but to face His wrath. The Bible says, "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." — Isa 64:6. Each one is called into the gospel, but few are chosen because they put on Jesus for their robe.

DAILY STUDY

Monday	Matt 22:1-3
Tuesday	Matt 22:4-5
Wednesday	Matt 22:6-7
Thursday	Matt 22:8-9
Friday	Matt 22:10-12
Saturday	Matt 22:13-14



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