THE KING'S FINAL WEEK

THE KING AND THE TEMPLE AUTHORITIES – PART 4 (MATTHEW 22:1-14)

November 15, 2026

THE PARABLE:

1 "'Once again, Jesus spoke to them in parables: 2'The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3He sent his servants to call those he had invited to the banquet…'" Matthew 22:1-3 (BSB)

3 "'…but they refused to come.'" Matthew 22:3 (BSB)

4 "'Again, he sent other servants and said, "Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet."'" Matthew 22:4 (BSB)

5 "'But they paid no attention and went away, one to his field, another to his business.'" Matthew 22:5 (BSB)

6 "'The rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them." Matthew 22:6 (BSB)

7 "'The king was enraged, and he sent his troops to destroy those murderers and burn their city." Matthew 22:7 (BSB)

8 "'Then he said to his servants, "The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited were not worthy. 9Go therefore to the crossroads and invite to the banquet as many as you can find."'" Matthew 22:8-9 (BSB)

10 "'So the servants went out into the streets and gathered everyone they could find, both evil and good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'" Matthew 22:10 (BSB)

11 "'But when the king came in to see the guests, he spotted a man who was not dressed in wedding clothes. 12"Friend," he asked, "how did you get in here without wedding clothes?" But the man was speechless.'" Matthew 22:11-12 (BSB)

13 "'Then the king told the servants, "Tie him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'" Matthew 22:13 (BSB)

THE CONNECTION

- **PURPOSE #1: TO CLARIFY THE _____ OF _____,**

  BOTH _____ AND _____.

  - **THE CHARACTERS/ELEMENTS:**
    - **WEDDING BANQUET = THE _____**

      _____ OF _____
    - **KING = _____**

- SON = _____
- INITIALLY INVITED GUESTS = _____
- THE GUESTS INVITED LATER ("GOOD AND BAD") =

  THE _____
  - OUTWARDLY _____ AND

    _____
  - _____ _____ AND

    _____
- OFFENSIVE GUEST = _____

  "_____"

[26] "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. [27]For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." Galatians 3:26-27 (BSB)

- PURPOSE #2: TO _____ THE _____

[14] "'For many are called, but few are chosen.'" Matthew 22:14 (BSB)

  - _____ IS _____, BUT ALL WHO ARE

    CHOSEN TO STAY _____ THE _____.
  - THE _____,

    THE _____, AND THE

    _____ ALL MISS THE FEAST.

BOTTOM LINE:

THERE ARE _____ _____ TO RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION,

AND _____ OF THEM _____ _____.

NEXT STEPS

- FREE SALE
  - Scan the QR Code to help us prepare for the Free Sale in December. Also, drop boxes for new and gently used toys are in the Atrium.
- GIVE THANKS MEALS
  - Sign up at the GET Connected Hub to make or deliver Thanksgiving meals to those in need.
- HAMA THANKSGIVING SERVICE
  - Sunday, November 22, 6pm, here at GNG.