

Matthew 22

Jesus

- Jesus condemns Religious Jews for Spiritual Pride/Not bearing fruit...

Matthew 21:43 Therefore I say to you, the **kingdom of God will be taken from you** and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it... **45** Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that **He was speaking of them.** [Not finished yet]

I say to you that tax collectors/harlots will enter the kingdom of God before you

I. Parable of the Wedding Feast Good/Bad and Ugly

1 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said:

- **Recipients:** Jewish Leaders representing Jewish people
- Began speaking to Jews in Parables after they accused Him of being of Satan...

Matthew 13:10 [Disciples to Jesus], **"Why do You speak to [the Jews] in parables?"**11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be **taken away from him.**

- **Israel was given much/threw it all away...**

Chose the pride/self-righteousness over a relationship w/ Living God.

Time is growing short/Light is growing dim

- **Parable of Wedding Feast**

1. vv 1-8 Jews
2. vv 9-14 Church

2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3 and sent out his **servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were **not willing to come.****

- King [Father] arranges Marriage for His Son [Jesus]
- King sent His servants; i.e. prophets [inc. J the B] to those invited [Jews] saying...

1. **Messiah is here!** For Healing/Forgiveness/Salvation
2. **Let's celebrate!** Come to the Wedding

Jews were not willing to come?

Despised Prophets warnings/ John's call to Repentance

- With loving-kindness/Grace/ Mercy **the King persists...**

4 Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and **all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' 5 But they **made light of it** and went **their ways**, one to his own farm, another to his business. 6 And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.**

Jesus now prophesying near future after his death/ascension...

- King [God the Father] will send other servants i.e. Apostles/Disciples saying...
- **Everything is ready:** Fatted Calf on grill. Everything needed has been done for you

You will still no come. Stiff-necked/Arrogant

Disregard the Apostles/Disciples call pleas accept the Good News

- **Even after God's persistent calling to Himself...**
 1. **Laugh/Mock** Gospel message
 2. **Go their own ways/**Eventually martyr Apostles/Disciples

7 But **when the king heard about it, he was furious.** And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

- Jesus continued to warn them/call them

Luke 19:41 Now as He drew near, **He saw the city and wept over it,** 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the **things that make for your peace!** But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

70 AD the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus the Roman

- **What things make for our peace w/God?** Humbly coming to Jesus
- **Jews not willing to come on God's terms;** i.e. Fall on our faces

God opens the invitation of peace with Him up **to every person from every nation**

Acts 10:34 ... Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows **no partiality.** 35 But in every nation, whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. 36 The word which God sent to the children of Israel, **preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all**

8 Then [the King] said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but **those who were invited were not worthy.**

- **Jews not worthy:** Exemplified by their rejection of Jesus/Sin against Love
 1. Mocked message/Killed prophets
 2. Disregarded John's Baptism of Repentance. His ushering in the Savior
 3. **Presently:** About to kill Son of God/Later kill His Apostles/Disciples

God's Lovingkindness now over/All that remains for unrepentant is His wrath

- **God's desire for loving fellowship/intimacy** w/ humanity did not diminish...
- Moves from unfaithful stubborn wife to a willing/eager Bride; i.e. **the Church**

9 Therefore go into the highways, and **as many as you find,** invite to the wedding.'

- **Command from the King Himself.** God
 1. **Use the highways:** Spread out throughout the earth
 2. **Invite everyone:** All are called no matter what
 3. **Notice: No instructions regarding...**
 - How checkered a past
 - How good/bad haircut
 - How many spouses
 - How many abortions
 - How many miserable failures

Go get them...As many as you can find from throughout the earth

10 So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, **both bad and good**. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

- Wedding hall was filled w/both good and bad [Relatively]that wanted to be there
- **Servants:** Apostles/Disciples of Jesus after ascension

Acts 1:8 ... you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- **Didn't jump up and go.** Needed a little push...**persecution**

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the **pilgrims of the Dispersion...**

James 1:1 James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are **scattered abroad**

- Dispersed/scattered throughout the world as God allowed persecution

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) continues its frantic campaign to erase crosses from even Party-controlled churches, the human rights magazine Bitter Winter reported on Tuesday, explaining to Christian residents the crosses must go because "Christianity does not belong in China." [7 Oct 2020 Breitbart, Frances Martel]

- Go get all you can find that desire to be at the Wedding/Celebrate the Son

God accepts all who clothed in humility whether Good and Bad
He does not accept those are covered by Pride; i.e. Spiritually Ugly

11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here **without a wedding garment?**' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

- Garment must be provided by the King/Father

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He **gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever

believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- Only acceptable Wedding Garment is the righteousness of Christ

Galatians 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have **put on Christ**.

Romans 13:14 ... put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh

- Mandate from the beginning of humanity...

Genesis 3:21 ...for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

- Pride is an ugly/filthy thing to be clothed with...

Isaiah 64:6 For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a **filthy garment**; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

- Only the King can clothe us with acceptable wedding garments...

Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has **clothed me with the garments of salvation**, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

- Only acceptable Wedding Garment is the righteousness of Christ provided by Father

Revelation 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

- Don't be caught at judgement with no wedding garments
- Righteousness of Christ/Applied by Christ as we confess our need to be clothed
 1. Friend, how did you get in. [Judas you have one more opportunity]
 2. Speechless
 3. Bound hand/foot/cast into eternal outer darkness

14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

- All are called.
- Those who respond in humility are those God chose before foundation of world

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SUMMARY Parable of the Wedding Feast

**Next...Three Tests from those already on their way to Hell
If your digging yourself into a pit...stop digging?**

II. Pharisees Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes to Caesar

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they **might entangle Him** in His talk. 16 And they sent to [Jesus] their disciples with the Herodians,

saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men.

- **Pharisees:** Conservative half of Sanhedrin. 70 religious' leaders of Israel
 - **Butter:** Beware of compliment. Don't believe you own press
1. We know You **are true**
 2. We know what You say **is true**
 3. Wen know that you teach the way of God **in truth...**

That is...at least until now

4. You don't care what anyone thinks
5. You don't play favorites **so please just answer freely...**

17 Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

- Rome occupies Israel at this time. Payed taxes to Caesar
- As a Jew, are we supposed to pay a heathen king?

18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? 19 Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. 20 And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" 21 They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they had heard these words, **they marveled**, and left Him and went their way.

- Pharisees marveled. Leave for a time let the second string on field...

SUMMARY Pharisees Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes to Caesar

III. Sadducees What About the Resurrection and Sickly Seven

23 The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him...

- **Sadducees:** Liberal half of Sanhedrin.
- No supernatural; i.e. Afterlife/angels and **NO Resurrection of the dead...**

23b...[Sadducees] asked [Jesus], 24 saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. 25 Now **there were with us seven brothers**. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. 26Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. 27 Last of all the woman died also. 28 Therefore, **in the resurrection**, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her." 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

Don't you guys even read your Bibles? You certainly have a limited view of the Creator of the Universe

- **Jesus now having fun**

1. First of all, you don't believe in the resurrection
2. Secondly, this never happened though you say it did
3. **Let's just say it did...**

Seven brothers. One dies/wife goes to the next brother. He dies she goes to next brother
She's married seven times...Once to each of sickly seven brothers

So, if there really is a resurrection ... Who is her husband in Heaven?

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are **like angels of God in heaven.**

- There is no marriage in Heaven: Different even more intimate relationships

31 But concerning the **resurrection of the dead**, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 32 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

Let's talk about the Resurrection of the Dead

- If you read the Word of God as seriously /closely as you say you might have seen this

Even after the Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob died
God referred to them in His Word in the **present tense** because though they died they live

- He **is their God**...not, He **was their God**. Einstein

33 And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

- **Marveled** at His answer to the **Pharisees**
- **Astonished** at His answer to the **Sadducees**

Matthew 7:28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, 29 for He taught them **as one having authority**, and not as the scribes.

SUMMARY Sadducees What About the Resurrection?

IV. Scribes Which Is the First Commandment of All?

34 But when the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 Then one of them, a **lawyer**, asked Him a question, testing Him

9th Inning. Pharisees realizing not going well...Pick their best player

Scribe/Lawyer/Competent in Law of Moses

[Scribe asked him] 36 "Teacher, which is the **great commandment in the law?**" 37 Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

- **No refutation...** Jesus did not come preaching something new/contrary to Moses

Deuteronomy 6:5 You shall **love the Lord your God** with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Leviticus 19:18 ... you shall **love your neighbor as yourself:** I am the Lord.

- Nothing better to shut the Lawyer up than quoting the law appropriately

SUMMARY Scribes Which Is the First Commandment of All?

Jesus turn to ask the Questions...

V. Jesus How Can David Call His Son Lord?

41 While the Pharisees were gathered together...

- Pharisees in huddle Buzzing like perverted little religious bees waiting to sting
- **Not so fast:** Jesus goes on offence...

...Jesus asked them, 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "**The Son of David.**"

- **Correct:** The Messiah is a descendant of David. You are correct sirs.
- **Next question...**

43 [Jesus then asked] "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 44 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"'? 45 If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?"

- **David led by the Spirit of God said two things about the Messiah**
 1. **Messiah is my Lord; i.e. He is my Elder**
 2. **Messiah will be my Descendant**

Q. If David called Messiah Lord; his elder...How can Messiah also be David's descendant

A. Messiah is Eternal and I Am the Messiah.

Revelation 22:16 I, Jesus... am the **Root** and **Offspring** of David...

- **Jesus is the Root of David** Before David to eternity past
- **Jesus is the Offspring of David** After David to eternity future

**Jesus is once again proclaiming His deity...
Jesus always existed. Jesus has never not existed. Jesus will always exist.**

46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone **dare question Him anymore.**

- Good call.

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