



THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST MATTHEW 22:1-14

Introduction: In John 5:24 we read, *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”*

1. The Invitation is _____ – 22:1-4

¹ And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, ³and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. 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.”’

Who are the key individuals listed in this parable:

- The king is _____.
- The son is _____.
- The servants are the _____, apostles, and preachers.
- The invited represent _____ leaders and the Jewish people.

Dr. John **MacArthur wrote**, “The gospel call is an invitation, not a command. But to reject it is the most serious offense imaginable—it is to spurn the love of the King and His Son.”

The Bible teaches...

- God desires _____ people saved – [1 Timothy 2:4](#)
- God is not willing that any should _____ – [2 Peter 3:9](#)
- Now is the _____ of salvation – [2 Corinthians 6:2](#)

A Wedding Invitation Illustration

2. The Invitation is _____ – 22:5-7

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. 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.

A. Indifference leads to _____ – 22:5

⁵ But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.

The Greek word for “made light” (*Amelēsan*) means to _____ *disregard, treat carelessly.*

B. Rebellion leads to _____ – 22:6

⁶ And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.

C. Rejection leads to _____ – 22:7

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.

Reject the gospel and you will face the _____ of the King.

Theologians believe that the words, “*and burned up their city*” is reference to the destruction of the city of _____ by the Romans in 70 A.D.

3. The Invitation is _____ – 22:8-10

⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹ Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ 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.

A. The unworthy are _____ – 22:8

⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

B. The highways become _____ fields – 22:9

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

The Greek word for “*highways*” (hodos) speaks of *the ways, the _____, the paths*. It suggests **all people, from every walk of life**, or all the _____ of life.

C. The wedding hall was filled with _____ – 22:10

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.

The “guests” here represent the _____ and the outcasts.

Don’t miss the words, “*both bad and good.*” I believe that God wants His house _____.

4. The Invitation Requires _____ – 22:11-14

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.’ ¹⁴ “For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

A. You must have the proper wedding _____ – 22:11-12

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.*

The Wedding Garment

B. You must heed the _____ of the king to attend the wedding feast – 22:13-14

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.’ ¹⁴“For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

Warren Wiersbe wrote, “To enter the kingdom without the wedding garment of salvation is to come on your _____ terms—and that is impossible.”

Romans 13:14 – *“Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Now, look at verse 14, *“For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

Conclusion: So, here is the essential question: Are you clothed in Christ’s _____?

