

The Wedding Feast

Matthew #142

Matthew 22:1-14

The main point of the Parable of the Wedding Feast is that those invited, like the Pharisees, will not participate in the marriage feast, while others will.

The context of this parable is the ministry of John the Baptizer.

Matthew 21:24-26 and Matthew 21:43-46

Consequently, *the king was angry; and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers, and burned their city* (Matthew 22:7) their rejection of the kingdom offer resulted in the destruction of the murderers (the leadership of Israel) and their city (Jerusalem) because they that were invited (the generation to whom Jesus came) were not worthy (Matthew 22:8).

In the parable, the wedding garment symbolizes righteousness through salvation. From the beginning, God provided a covering for our sin.

Anyone who wants to approach God and participate in the wedding feast must rely on God's provision of righteousness and not on his own.