

Memory Verse:

***"Pride comes before destruction,
and an arrogant spirit
before a fall."
~Proverbs 16:18 / CSB***



Read Proverbs 16:18 again, what are the potential pitfalls of pride?

**Stay on point of the questions provided*

Parable Of The Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-14):

About The Parable:

Main Statement:

The Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1–14) is a "parable of judgment" that illustrates God's gracious invitation to salvation and the serious consequences of rejecting it.

Main Characters:

Father: God

Son: Jesus

First Guest: Israel

Second Invites: Gentiles & the marginalized

Under Dressed Guest: Those who trust in self-righteousness

**The feast represents the ultimate joy of the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Main Theme:

The refusal of this gracious invitation is part of a trilogy of parables that illustrate Israel's indifference and ignorance toward the Messiah.

In this context, the first group of invited guests represents the nation of Israel, particularly the religious leaders who rejected the Messiah. Their rejection resulted in judgment, symbolized by the burning of their city, which is historically linked to the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Applicational Principles:

1 God gives a gracious invite

2 Pride and ignorance keep people from accepting God's invitation.

3. Ignoring God's invitation can lead to serious consequences.

4. Trust in the righteousness of Christ, rather than in the mere rituals of humanity.



Discussion Questions:

1. What does this parable teach us about God's character? How does the King's persistence in sending servants, despite being ignored or killed, reflect God's patience?
2. What does the "wedding garment" symbolize in this parable?