

The Invitation to the Wedding

Text: Matthew 22:1-14

Introduction:

1. In these particular Scriptures Jesus is telling His disciples a parable about the kingdom of heaven.
 - a. Illustrated by a great wedding feast that has been prepared for His Son.
 - b. Illustrated by sending out invitations to those who were bidden to the wedding.
 - c. Illustrated by those who were invited did not come and in fact the messengers were persecuted and killed.
 - d. Illustrated by inviting whomever to attend the wedding.
 - e. Illustrated by one who was not clothed in the right clothes at the wedding feast.
 2. We know today that what Christ was referring to was the Jewish nation as a whole rejecting Him and the Gentiles as well as the Jews that obeyed the commandments of the New Covenant Gospel message were to be partakers of the Great Wedding Feast.
 3. What we are going to look at this morning is Spiritual meaning of this great parable whereby: Many are called but few are chosen.
- I. The wedding prepared by the King (2)
- A. A wedding feast planned before time begin (Genesis 1:1; 1 Peter 1:18-21)
 - B. A wedding feast planned by God. (1 Corinthians 2:5-12)
 - C. A wedding feast that encompasses His Son Jesus Christ and His body 'The Church'. (Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:30; Revelation 19:6-8)
- II. The wedding invitations sent out (3 - 10)
- A. The gospel message.
 - 1) As prophesied (Isaiah 2:3; Micah 4:2)
 - 2) The Great Invite to be a partaker of the feast.
 - a. Open to ALL. (Revelation 22:17)
 - b. Freely given by the blood of Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:24, 5:8-9)
 - c. Founded upon the truth. (Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 31:5, 119:160; John 1:1, 14, 14:6)
 - d. Passed from generation to generation by God's Word. (Romans 1:16-17)

- 3) A message that **saves in obedience** ([1 Corinthians 15:1-4](#); [Romans 6:1-4](#); [Hebrews 5:9](#); [Luke 6:46](#))
 - 4) A message that **provides peace** with the King in obedience. ([Romans 5:1](#))
 - 5) A message that **requires attention TODAY**.
 - a. RSVP (*to respond to an invitation*) - **today** ([2 Corinthians 6:2](#))
 - b. It is **never too late**. ([Matthew 20:6-9](#))
- B. God's messengers
- 1) Great Commission as spoken by Jesus. ([Matthew 28:19-20](#); [Mark 16:15-16](#); [Luke 24:46-49](#))
 - 2) His apostles in the first century ([1 Thessalonians 1:5-8](#))
 - 3) God's people today to carry on with the message.
- III. The **wedding garments** of the guest (11 - 13)
- A. Those with a wedding garment
- 1) Covered by the blood of Christ. ([Hebrews 9:14, 22, 28](#))
 - a. Received at His death when He shed His blood. ([Romans 6:3-5](#); [Ephesians 1:7](#); [Colossians 2:12](#))
 - 2) Christ the Passover. ([1 Corinthians 5:7](#))
 - 3) Doing the will of the Father. ([Matthew 26:42](#))
- B. One without a wedding garment
- 1) Not covered by the blood of Christ
 - 2) Christ not his Passover
 - 3) Not doing the will of the Father

Conclusion:

1. God has a Great Wedding Feast waiting for all those invited.
 - a. It has been prepared
 - b. All are welcome to come and sup with God
2. God has given us the invitations to the Great Wedding Feast
 - a. It is the gospel of Jesus Christ
 - b. It is founded upon the blood of Jesus Christ
3. God has given us the requirements for the wedding garments
 - a. It is the blood of His Dear Son Jesus Christ
 - b. It is required in order to be accepted at the Great Wedding Feast.

4. The question today for each and every one of us is: "*Are you ready to accept the Great Invite that God has given each and every one of us and willing to be clothed with the right garments for the Wedding Feast?*"
5. Today Jesus Christ is setting upon His throne as King in His Spiritual Kingdom and the invitation is to you to be a part of that Great Wedding Feast.
6. To be a part of the Great Wedding feast and be clothed with the right clothes, one must believe that Jesus is the Christ ([John 8:24](#)), repent of ones sins ([Luke 13:3](#)), confess His Name before man ([Acts 8:37](#)), be immersed for the remission of your sins ([Acts 2:38](#)) in order to be clothed ([Galatians 3:27](#)) with the Wedding garment and remain faithful until the end ([Acts 2:42](#)). As Ananias told Paul "*And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*" ([Acts 22:16](#))
7. Won't you come and be a part of that Great Feast today that God has prepared?