

THE GREAT SUPPER

Luke 14: 15 - 24

INTRODUCTION:

1. The events of Luke 14 have been called the "TABLE TALKS OF JESUS".
2. Jesus spoke THREE parables in the home of a chief Pharisee -- Luke 14:1; Luke 13: 11 - 17
3. He was there to eat bread on the Sabbath day -- Luke 14:1
4. Before He spoke these parables he healed a man of DROPSY -- Luke 14: 2 - 6; Matt. 12: 10 - 13 (withered hand)
5. Jesus NOW gives three parables as he dined with the Chief Pharisee.
 - (1) The first one was to teach HUMILITY -- Lk. 14: 7 - 14
 - (2) The second one was directed against SELFISHNESS -- Lk. 14: 12 - 14
 - (3) The third parable is directed to the Jews to correct false views with respect to the blessing of the Messianic Kingdom.
 1. The Jews thought the Kingdom would be TEMPORAL -- John 6:15
 2. That the Jews would enter it by natural birth.
 3. That it would be ushered in by a great supper and all Jews would be guests.
6. One of the guests spoke about eating bread in the Kingdom of God -- Luke 14:15
7. Jesus takes the occasion to teach him the TRUE NATURE of the KINGDOM into which he was invited -- Luke 14:16
8. He was invited to enjoy a great SPIRITUAL SUPPER in the Kingdom of God.
 - (1) The GOSPEL is a feast for the soul -- Matt. 5:6
 - (2) It is a feast in respect of the provisions -- SOUL FOOD -- Acts 20:32; I Pet. 2:2
 - (3) The ABUNDANCE of the provisions --inexhaustible -- Eph. 3:8
 - (4) The FELLOWSHIP it offers with the Godhead and with brethren.
 - (5) The JOY it gives -- a feast is a symbol of joy -- Phil. 4:4

I. THE CUSTOM OF INVITING GUESTS TO A FEAST

1. The Custom was to give out a general announcement of the coming event.
2. Then, send someone to announce that the supper is NOW ready -- Luke 14:17

II. THE APPLICATION OF THE PARABLE

1. The FIRST invitation was given:
 - (1) By the Old Testament Prophets -- they foretold of the coming MESSIAH and His Kingdom -- Dan. 2:44; Isa. 2: 2 - 4; Isa. 53; Jer. 31: 31 - 34
 - (2) By John the Baptist -- Matt. 3: 1 - 3

- (3) By the Apostles and the Seventy -- Matt. 10: 5 - 7; Luke 10:9
- (4) By Christ -- Matt. 4:17
- 2. The Last Invitation was given by the Apostles -- Jesus gave them the Great Commission -- Mk. 16:15 - 16; Matt. 28: 19 - 20
- 3. The gospel went to the JEWS first -- Rom. 1:16; Acts 13:46
 - (1) As a whole they rejected the Invitation -- Luke 14:24
- 4. "*They all with one consent began to make excuses*" -- Luke 14: 18
 - (1) These who had been invited were to be ready to go to the feast immediately.
 - (2) But, they were indifferent to the invitation; they made their business and social plans just as if there was NO supper planned.
 - (3) This shows the ESTEEM they had for the one inviting.
- 5. The frivolous EXCUSES:
 - (1) "*I have bought a piece of ground*", and "*I must needs go and see it*"-- Luke 14:18
 - 1. This man placed property before God.
 - 2. The love of possessions so filled his heart that there was no room for this Kingdom -- Matt. 13:22
 - (2) "*I have bought five yoke of oxen*" --Luke 14:19
 - 1. This man put devotion to business ahead of God.
 - 2. This shows his low esteem he gave the Supper.
 - (3) "*I have married a wife*" --Luke 14:20
 - 1. Domestic affairs were in his way.
- 6. The servant showed his Lord these things -- Luke 14:21
 - (1) He was angry at the way they had treated his invitation.
- 7. The servant was told, "*Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind*" --Luke 14: 21
 - (1) The Gospel was to go to the "*publicans and harlots*" --Matt. 21:31
 - (2) The Samaritans -- Acts 8:12
- 8. When they had received the invitation there was still room -- Luke 14:22
- 9. "*The Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled*" -- Luke 14:23
 - (1) The gospel was to go to the GENTILES.
 - (2) "COMPEL" them with the GOSPEL -- John 6: 44 - 45; Rom. 1: 16 - 17
- 10. The invitation of the gospel is to ALL men -- Matt. 11: 28 - 30
- 11. The Church and Individual must be busy preaching the gospel

(1) The CHURCH -- I Tim. 3:15; I Thess. 1:8

(2) INDIVIDUALS -- Acts 5:42; 20:20; Acts 8:4

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you enjoying the GREAT SUPPER?
2. Won't you save your soul by coming into the KINGDOM???

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