

# THE MARRIAGE FEAST

## Matt. 22: 1 - 14

### INTRODUCTION:

1. The purpose of this parable was to show the ATTITUDE of the Jews toward the kingdom of heaven as it contrasted with that of the Gentiles -- Matt. 21:43.
2. The king made a marriage for his son -- Matt. 22:2
3. He sent his servants to call them that were bidden and they would not come -- Matt. 22:3.
4. He then sent other servants to tell them that were bidden to come into the marriage, for all things are ready -- They made light of it and went their way -- Matt. 22: 4 -6
5. The king sent forth his armies and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city -- Matt. 22:7.
6. The king then sent his servants into the highways to bid as many as they found to the marriage -- Matt. 22:9.
7. The king came in to SEE the guests, and he saw a man which had NOT on a wedding garment --Matt. 22:12.
8. The king asked the guest why he did not have on a wedding garment, and the guest was speechless -- Matt. 22:12.
9. The king commanded that man who didn't have on a wedding garment to be bound hand and foot and cast into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth -- Matt. 22: 13 - 14.

### I. THE APPLICATION OF FIGURES IN THE PARABLE:

1. The marriage feast indicates:
  - (1) The joy and gladness for those who accept the gospel invitation, and make preparation for the Lord's coming -- Acts 8: 39; Matt. 25: 20 - 23.
  - (2) The great preparation which God has made for the salvation of the lost.
2. The king is GOD.
3. The Son is CHRIST.
4. The first bidden were the JEWS.
5. The second ones bidden were the GENTILES.

### II. THE ONES FIRST BIDDEN

1. The first invitation was given to the Jews.
  - (1) John the Baptist -- Matt. 3:1; Lk. 1: 16 - 17
  - (2) Christ -- Matt. 4:17
  - (3) Limited Commission:
    1. The Apostles -- Matt. 10: 5 - 7
    2. The Seventy -- Lk. 10: 1 - 9
2. The second invitation was given to the Jews by the Apostles and inspired teachers under the great commission -- Acts 1:8; Matt. 28: 19 - 20
  - (1) The Lamb of God had been slain -- John 1:29
  - (2) The church had been established and all things were ready.
3. The Jews who were first bidden made light of the invitation -- Matt. 22: 4 - 6.
  - (1) One went to his farm.
  - (2) One went to his merchandise.
  - (3) Others laid hold on the servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them -- Acts 4: 1 - 4; 5:18; Acts 7: 59 -60; Acts 12: 1 - 3
4. The ones first bidden in rejecting the invitation were not worthy -- Matt. 22:8.

### III. THE KING WAS WROTH AND BURNED THEIR CITY -- Matt. 22:7

1. Jesus said, "*Behold, your house is left unto you desolate*" -- Matt. 23:38
2. Jerusalem was destroyed in A. D. 70.

### IV. THE SERVANTS WERE SENT INTO THE HIGHWAYS -- Matt. 22: 9 - 10

1. The gospel went to the GENTILES -- Acts 14: 44 - 46; Acts 28: 27 - 28
2. The gospel is for EVERY CREATURE -- Mark 16: 15 - 16
3. The wedding was furnished with guests -- Matt. 22:10.
4. The Gentiles took the place of the Jews -- Matt. 21:43.

### V. THE ROBELESS MAN

1. The robeless man preferred his own robe rather than one prepared for the occasion.
  - (1) The wedding garment represents righteous living -- Rev. 19:8; I John 3:7; Acts 10: 34 -35
  - (2) We are to put on Christ -- Gal. 3:27; Rom. 13:14
  - (3) Doing right is essential to righteousness and includes all the duties of being a Christian--Gal. 5: 22 - 23; II Pet. 1: 5 - 8; Heb. 10:25
2. The SOLEMN SCRUTINY -- "*The king came in*" --Matt. 22:11
  - (1) This scrutiny was PERSONAL.
  - (2) The guests were not surveyed in mass --each individual was examined (Rom. 14:12).
3. The awful DETECTION -- Matt. 22:11 (Why many will be robeless in the judgment).
  - (1) CARELESSNESS:
    1. Many have no concern for their souls.
    2. They have no concern for the religion of Christ.
  - (2) PROCRASTINATION:
    1. Many put off until it is too late -- Acts 24: 24 - 25
    - (3) Many think it is NOT ESSENTIAL
4. The AWFUL INVESTIGATION -- Matt. 22:12
  - (1) It was public.
  - (2) All will be known at the Judgment -- I Tim. 5:24; Eccl. 12:14
  - (3) It was overwhelming -- "*he was speechless*"
5. The DREADFUL PUNISHMENT-- Matt. 22:13
  - (1) All unprepared church members will be lost.
  - (2) The Robeless man affirms the possibility of apostasy.

### CONCLUSION

1. "*For many are called, but few are chosen*" -- verse 14
  - (1) Many will not accept the call -- Mk. 16: 15 - 16
  - (2) Many who answer the call will not make preparation -- Matt. 25: 1 - 13

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