



The King's Wedding Feast!

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"And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, **2** The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, **3** And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. **4** Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. **5** But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: **6** And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. **7** But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. **8** Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. **9** Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. **10** So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. **11** And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: **12** And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. **13** Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **14** For many are called, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:1-14). A songwriter penned:

When we get to heaven
At the marriage supper
All the saints shall gather
At the last ascending
No more sad parting

"For many are called, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14).



No more heart breakings
Farewell to Sorrows
Victory at last.

Key lessons from this parable include:

- (1) The kingdom of heaven is certain even if some do not believe (vs2; Romans 3:3).
- (2) The king prepares adequately for the marriage feast (vs2; John 14:1-3)
- (3) The invitation is open to all (vs3,4)
- (4) Some make light of their opportunity (vs5)
- (5) Some abuse the messengers (vs6)
- (6) Divine judgement is certain (vs7, Galatians 6:7) "Be sure your sins will find you out" (Numbers 32:23)
- (7) Through determination the King's plan and goal were accomplished (vs8)
- (8) The original command is renewed to "Go ye..." (vs9; Matthew 28:19,20)
- (9) Faithful obedience always brings results despite previous experiences (vs10)
- (10) Divine judgment on the 'self-righteous' who despise the king's 'garment of righteousness'. "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Romans 10:3).
- (11) Many are called but few are chosen (vs14). Only the chosen few are blessed!
- (12) Implications for believers in times like this.