

Celebrating Well the Goodness of God

Parable: the king first called his chosen, but they refused

- 1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying:
- 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.
- 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

He called again, but his guests ignored him or violently responded

- 4 "Then he sent some more servants and said,
'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner:
My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and
everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'
- 5 "But they paid no attention and went off—
one to his field, another to his business.
- 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them.
- 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and
destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

The third call was to anyone at all and the banquet hall was filled

- 8 "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready,
but those I invited did not deserve to come.
- 9 Go to the street corners and
invite to the banquet anyone you find.'
- 10 So the servants went out into the streets and
gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad,
and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But one dishonored the grace of the king in careless disrespect

- 11 "But when the king came in to see the guests,
he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes.
- 12 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here
without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless.
- 13 "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot,
and throw him outside, into the darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
- 14 "For many are invited, but few are chosen."



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Matthew 22:12



This parable shows well the patience of God

He invites us to come to him again and again
But we can freely ignore, reject or even hate him
While making a living we can fail to make a life

Can we celebrate well the goodness of God?

Yes, if following his Son is our highest priority in life;
If we clothe ourselves with the goodness of his grace
What really matters is a right relationship with God

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness.

Isaiah. 61:10

The Commands of Jesus

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul
and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.

Portions of Matthew 22:37-38



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Matthew 22:9

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