

Your Invitation To The Royal Wedding
Parables and Miracles—Part 18
Matthew 22:1-14
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“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. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴Then 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.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So 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. ¹¹But 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. ¹³Then 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.’ ¹⁴For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

--Matthew 22:1-14

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Let’s consider three life-changing applications of this parable:

1. God is throwing a party for His Son’s _____

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given to her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) Then the angel said to me, ‘Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’” --Revelation 19:7-9

- 2, _____ is invited to the party

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
--Matthew 11:28

Jesus said, “If anyone is thirsty, let him COME to me and drink.” --John 7:37

God literally said, “Noah, COME get on the ark.” --Genesis 7:1

“COME now, let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow...” --Isaiah 1:18

“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.” --Revelation 22:17

3. _____ is required

Two points of application we can learn from this parable:

1. The King _____ the proper clothing

“For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” --Galatians 3:27

2. Anyone who refuses the King’s offer is _____ out

“How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind, our sins sweep us away.” --Isaiah 64:5-6

“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, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.” --Isaiah 61:1