

# The Call To The Wedding Feast

Matthew 22:1-14

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**1 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.**

## **Matthew 22:1-14 – continued**

**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.**

## **Matthew 22:1-14 - continued**

**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.**

# Introduction

## A. Christ is preparing a bride

**Ephesians 5:25-27**

**25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

**26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,**

**27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

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**B. The marriage is coming**

**Revelation 19:6-9**

**6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.**

**7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.**

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**B. The marriage is coming**

**Revelation 19:6-9 - continued**

**8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

**9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.**

## **I. The Call of the Kingdom (22:2-4)**

### **A. The invitation extended (22:2)**

#### **Revelation 22:17**

**And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

### **B. The invitation rejected (22:3)**

#### **Acts 26:27-28**

**27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.**

**28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.**



# **I. The Call of the Kingdom (22:2-4)**

**C. The invitation is urgent (22:4)**

**2 Corinthians 6:2**

**(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)**

## **II. The Challenge of Acceptance (22:5-9)**

### **A. Distractions of life (22:5)**

**Matthew 13:22**

**He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.**

## **II. The Challenge of Acceptance (22:5-9)**

### **B. Disaster for the rejectors (22:7)**

#### **Hebrews 10:29-31**

**29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?**

**30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.**

**31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

## **II. The Challenge of Acceptance (22:5-9)**

### **C. Diners are desired**

**Luke 14:21-23**

**21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things.**

**Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, 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.**

**22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.**

**23 And 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.**

### **III. The Conditions For Participation (22:11-13)**

#### **A. The imperative of the garment (22:11)**

**Isaiah 61:10**

**I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.**

### **III. The Conditions For Participation (22:11-13)**

#### **B. The importance of preparedness**

**2 Corinthians 5:2-4**

**2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:**

**3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.**

**4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.**

### **III. The Conditions For Participation (22:11-13)**

#### **C. Consequences of unpreparedness (22:13)**

##### **Matthew 13:40-42**

**40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.**

**41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;**

**42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

**Have A Wedding Garment?**