

## The Parable of the Wedding Feast

***The many are called, but few are chosen*** {i.e., *Everyone is invited, but only a few accept.*}

**Matthew 22:1-2** And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son,

**3** and sent his servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast,

but they were unwilling to come.

**4** Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, ~~“See-~~ “**Look**, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’”

**5-6** But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his and killed them.

**7** The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

**8** Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

**9** Go therefore to ~~the main roads-~~ the **intersections** and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’

**10** And those servants went out into ~~the roads-~~ the **intersections** and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good.

So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

**11** “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who was not dressed in wedding clothes.

**12** And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ And he was speechless.

**13** Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

**14** ~~For many~~ For **the many** are called, but few are chosen.” {i.e., Everyone is invited, but only few accept.}

**Isaiah 25:6** ~~The LORD of hosts~~ The LORD of **the armies** will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; a banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, and refined, aged wine.

**Isaiah 55:1** " ~~Ho!~~ **Hey!** Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

**Matthew 4:23** Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom

**Matthew 23:37** "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

**Isaiah 66:4** I called, but no one answered.

**John 5:40** You are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.

**Isaiah 61:10** I will rejoice greatly in the LORD. My soul will exult in my God, for He has clothed me with garments of salvation. He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**Galatians 3:27** All of you who ~~were baptized~~ were **identified** into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**Revelation 19:7-9** "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.

" It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean. Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"

**Matthew 8:11** "I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven;

**12** but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."