

Reflection Questions: Am I clothed in the proper garments to be in the kingdom of heaven? How do I know? Have I invited anyone to come into the kingdom of heaven recently? Who can I invite this week?

How can we pray for one another this week?

Quotes to Ponder

There is in the Gospel a complete provision for all the wants of man's soul.

There is a supply of everything that can be required to relieve spiritual hunger and spiritual thirst. Pardon, peace with God, lively hope in this world, glory in the world to come, are set before us in rich abundance.

Open sin may kill its thousands, but indifference and neglect to the gospel kill their tens of thousands.

J.C. Ryle

You do not have to murder a prophet to miss out. You have only to fritter away your time on things that will eventually pass away and thus let your opportunities for repentance pass by.

James Montgomery Boice

Dear friends, when the Lord saved some of us by His grace, it was no common event. When He brought us great sinners to His feet, and washed us, and clothed us, and fed us, and made us His own, it was a wonder to be talked of for ever and ever. We will ever leave off praising His name throughout eternity.

Charles Spurgeon

If you want me to believe in your Redeemer, you're going to have to look a lot more redeemed.

Friedrich Nietzsche

This world is like unto a vestibule before the world to come; prepare thyself in the vestibule, so that thou mayest enter the banqueting-hall.

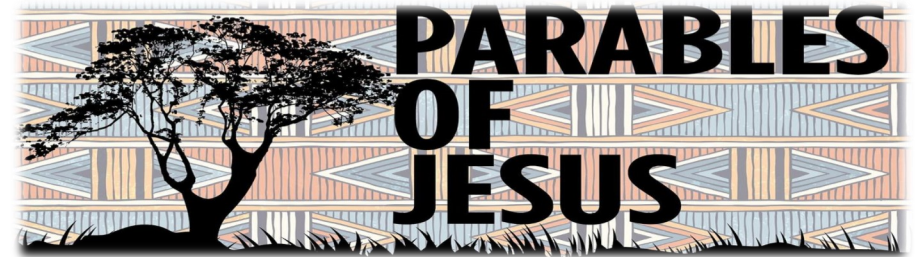
Rabbi Jacob

Let us not flatter ourselves with the empty title of faith, but let every man seriously examine himself, that at the final review he may be pronounced to be one of the lawful guests ... for the words of Christ mean nothing more than this, that the external profession of faith is not a sufficient proof that God will acknowledge as His people all who appear to have accepted His invitation.

John Calvin

Those, and those only, who put on the Lord Jesus, and to whom He is all in all, have wedding clothes.

Matthew Henry



Parable of the Marriage Feast
Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon
Notes

July 12, 2020

1. Scene 1 (1-3)

2. Scene 2 (4-7)

3. Scene 3 (8-10)

4. Scene 4 (11-14)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
2. Why does Jesus compare *the kingdom of heaven to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son* (*Matthew 22:2*)?

3. What is the normal response to be invited to a royal wedding?

How did those invited in this story respond (*Matthew 22:3-6*)?

Why did they respond this way?

4. How does the king respond to the rejection of those he had invited to the wedding of his son (*Matthew 22:7*)? Why? Is this harsh? Explain.

Has this happened in history? To whom and when? Why?

5. Who does the king have his servants invite next (*Matthew 22:9-10*)? How are these guests described?

6. Who does the king represent? The initial invited guests? The later invited guests?

7. What does this parable teach us about God?

8. Read *Matthew 22:11-13*. Why was this one guest thrown out of the wedding festivities?

9. Why was this man *speechless* (*Matthew 22:12*)?

10. What was the destiny of the man who came without wedding clothes (*Matthew 22:13*)?

11. What do the following verses add to your understanding of question #10?

Matthew 8:11 —

Matthew 24:51 —

Matthew 13:42, 50 —

Matthew 25:30 —

12. What clothing is required for the kingdom of heaven (*Isaiah 61:10*; *Romans 13:14*; *2 Corinthians 5:21*)?

13. Jesus concludes this parable with the saying in *Matthew 22:14*. How is this true in the parable? How is this true today?

14. What does it take to get into the kingdom of heaven? Use Scripture.

15. What do you think Jesus is trying to accomplish by telling this parable?

16. Is the invitation to the wedding banquet still continuing today or was this some event in the past? Back up your answer with Scripture.

17. How do you know if you are one of the chosen (*Matthew 22:14*)?