

KINGDOM PARABLES





PARABLE OF THE WEDDING BANQUET

*The kingdom of heaven is like a king
who prepared a wedding banquet for his son...*

MATTHEW 22:1-14

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- There are so many layers to this parable that need to be uncovered.
- Today, let's look at some of the particulars and draw some conclusions that can be of benefit to us.
- This parable is the 3rd in a row that is aimed at the Jews and especially the Jewish religious leaders. The other two are in Matt. 21.

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- They each add a new wrinkle to the saga of the redemption story.
- Jesus has come to Jerusalem to be crucified as Matt 16:21 says. This is his last week on earth and there are still things that need to be said.
- The first is the parable of the two sons.
- The second is the parable of the tenants.

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- *The king*

INITIALLY HAS A LIMITED GUEST'S LIST

- **These people had received a personal invitation. They were special. Not everyone was so fortunate. The reference is to the Jews.**
- **Everything was prepared.**
- **Some were indifferent and others wickedly stubborn.**

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- **The king sent troops and destroyed these murderers.**
- **This is certainly an illusion to the Romans under the leadership of Titus destroying Jerusalem, burning the city and putting an end to the Jewish nation of that day.**

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OFFERS AN OPEN INVITATION

- **Everyone is invited.**
- **This represents people of every nation, good or bad**
- **This invitation is first observed in Acts 2 and then further established in Acts 10.**
- **The wedding hall was filled with guests.**

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PROVIDES CLOTHING

- **Kings in the ancient east would provide attire to the guests. This was an honor and an insult if not worn**
- **This represents being clothed in righteousness. To be clothed in Christ.**
- **To put off the filthy garments you came in wearing and adorn yourself in the proper garments.**

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PROVIDES CLOTHING

- **Someone in attendance has come in but rejected the King's clothing.**
- **There are many people who come to the feast and like to act like they are apart of the group but they haven't fully accepted Christ and don't want to be fully associated with the King.**

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PROVIDES CLOTHING

- **Eventually, these people are cast out.**
- **So it is with those who play at Christianity but are not washed in the blood of Christ. They think that by coming to a worship service or being associated with Christians or even doing some good deeds this will be sufficient. But, it is not. It's all or nothing!**