

Parable of the wedding feast

Matthew 22:1-14

- (1) Jesus answered and spoke again in parables to them, saying,
- (2) “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king, who made a marriage feast for his son,
- (3) and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast, but they would not come.
- (4) Again he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner. My cattle and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the marriage feast!”’
- (5) But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his merchandise,
- (6) and the rest grabbed his servants, and treated them shamefully, and killed them.
- (7) When the king heard that, he was angry, and sent his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.
- (8) “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited weren’t worthy.
- (9) Go therefore to the intersections of the highways, and as many as you may find, invite to the marriage feast.’
- (10) Those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together as many as they found, both bad and good. The wedding was filled with guests.
- (11) But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who didn’t have on wedding clothing,
- (12) and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here not wearing wedding clothing?’ He was speechless.
- (13) Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and throw him into the outer darkness; there is where the weeping and grinding of teeth will be.’
- (14) For many are called, but few chosen.”