

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"The Great Refusal"
Luke 14:15-24
Study-62

Note the description of this "Great Supper" in our passage: "a big dinner," "still there is room," "so that my house may be filled," "taste of my dinner."

The parable of "The Great Supper" is exclusive to Luke's Gospel. Matthew 22:1-14 Wedding Feast With Garments this parable has similarities, but the context/setting is different.

Luke 14:1-24 Dinner Party

Jesus is on the hotseat! Luke 14:1 they were watching Him closely.

Luke 14 The Dynamics of Discipleship

Luke 9:51-19:27 The Rejection Of The Son Of Man: (Ten times) Luke refers to Jesus on the road) Luke records encounters on the road to Jerusalem!

Thought Of Our Passage: "Persons Are Not Saved Through Their Own Effort But Through Responding To God's Invitation"

- 1. Verses 15-16 1st Invitation:**
- 2. Verses 17-20 2nd Invitation:**
- 3. Verses 21-22 3rd Invitation:**
- 4. Verses 23-24 4th Invitation:**

1. Verses 15-16 1st Invitation:

Luke 14:15 When one of those who were reclining at the table with Him Context – Jesus has been invited by a chief of the Pharisees to a dinner on the Sabbath **Luke 14:1-24 Dinner Party: Verses 1-6** Jesus speaks to the **Lawyers & Pharisees, Verses 7-11** Jesus speaks to **the Guests, Verses 12-14** Jesus speaks to **the Host, NOW in Verses 15-24** Jesus speaks to **a Pious Fellow-Guest.**

one of those who were reclining at the table with Him heard this, Luke 14:12-14

"Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

Jewish idea of a great feast in the Messianic Age!

This man's statement about eating bread in the kingdom of God will lead Jesus to illustrate the opportunity that was offered!

Luke 14:16 "A man is none other than God. It is an invitation of God to salvation in His kingdom.

was giving a big dinner, term "*Big Dinner*" derived from two things: a large list of names and a large extensive menu.

Marriage Supper of The Lamb Revelation 19:9

a big dinner, Eternal Satisfaction:

and he invited many; (The Nation of Israel) There would be **Two Invitations** that were given. **1st Invitation was to save the date, (Because they did not decline (RSVP) they were sent the 2nd Invitation.)**

2. Verses 17-20 2nd Invitation:

Luke 14:17 and at the dinner hour which was right then, which by the way is now! Salvation is now! **2 Corinthians 6:2**

he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, (Accepted RSVP)

'**Come; for everything is ready now.**' This was God sending His prophets as messengers to the Jews.

Invitation - Come to Jesus, it is a straight foreword invitation, **Revelation 22:17**

Luke 14:18 "But they all alike began to make excuses.

Three Excuses Were Given: "But they all alike "unanimously, with one accord, at once" began to make excuses. (All Declined the invitation after RSVP) Notice they are called excuses Not reasons; reason being there is no legitimate reason for not coming and accepting God's offer.

Verse 18 - 1st Excuse of Possessions Before God: The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it;

"A man's love for Real Estate is often an indication of his real state before God"

Verse 19 - 2nd Excuse of Business Before God: Luke 14:19 "Another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out;

five yoke of oxen, the yoke was a beam of wood that joined two oxen together. This would be ten oxen, would make five yokes that were purchased: 20,000 pounds of livestock.

and I am going to try them out; *"test them, prove them"*

Verse 20 - 3rd Excuse of Relationship Before God: Luke 14:20
"Another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.'

Deuteronomy 24:5 Exempt from military but not from a party.
(Not exempt from God!)

Luke 14:26

They will not come out and say, "I don't want salvation, I don't need salvation." So they use their energy to make excuses in order to make themselves look good! Bottom-line is, they don't "Love The Host God," Hostility Towards The Host (If we love God we will be there!) Romans 8:7

Acts 17:30-31

Who Did Jesus Invite? Imperfect Jews, needing God (Humanity)
Luke 14:13

Matthew 11:28-30; John 7:37 "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink."

3. Verses 21-22 3rd Invitation:

Luke 14:21 "And the slave came back and reported this to his master. (God)

Then the head of the household became angry (Should have declined) We hear so much about God's love we don't hear allot about his righteous anger. **Revelation 6:16**

Romans 3:18 "THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

and said to his slave, God's servants, ministers, prophets, witnessing believers.

Invite New Guests: 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city This is God's offer made to the Gentiles.

and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'
Context - Luke 14:13

Reversal of roles on judgment day. God invites those that nobody wants. God is so loving and so kind!

These will come because they know that they are lost! They can see their need. Acts 13:46; 18:6; 28:26-28; Romans 11:25

Luke 14:22 and still there is room.' there is plenty of room in heaven for all.

4. Verses 23-24 4th Invitation:

Luke 14:23

Invite New Guests: 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, Matthew 28:19-20

and compel them to come in, this word **compel – This word has as its root word "to bend or angle, like an arm, constrain" 2 Corinthians 5:14 Christ's love controls us.**

so that my house may be filled. God loves the lost.

Luke 14:24 Reversal Of Fates On Judgment Day: none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.' Reason Why – "Because Of Their Refusal"

There is a time coming when salvations door will be shut! That is what happened here! The time is now the opportunity is now! Isaiah 55:6-7

Application:

1. Persons That Fail To Enter The Kingdom Of God Is Because They Close Themselves Out, They Love Other Things Too Much, And They Refuse The Generous Host.
2. **Luke 14:18 "But they all alike began to make excuses"** Notice They Are Called Excuses Not Reasons Because There Is No Legitimate Reason For Not Coming And Accepting God's Offer.
3. Persons Are Not Saved Through Their Own Effort But Through Responding To God's Invitation. If We Are Lost It Is A Result Of Our Own Doing.
4. There Is A Time Coming When Salvation's Door Will Be Shut, That Is What Happened In The Parable. The Time Is Now, The Opportunity Is Now.