

Series "Behold Your King"
"The Great Wedding Feast"
Matthew 22:1-14
Part-95

- 1. Verses 1-8 – No-Shows**
- 2. Verses 9-10 – No-Bodies**
- 3. Verses 11-14 – No-Attire**

1. Verses 1-8 – No-Shows:

Parable - The word "parable" is made up of two words: "para" – alongside and "ballo" – to throw or cast. So, "to cast alongside of"

Context of the 3 parables: Matt 21:23

1. The Two Sons – Matt 21:28-32 (the sin of hypocrisy)
2. The Vineyard Parable – Matt 21:33-44 (hardened hearts that murder the owners only son)

Matt 21:45-46

3. The Marriage Feast – Matt 22:1-14 (willful refusal of the divine invitation)

Matt 22:2

"The kingdom of heaven" – used 31X

A king – God the Father

Wedding feast – Marriage Supper of the Lamb

For his son – Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Matt 22:3

And he sent out his slaves – prophets, God's messengers

Unwilling – an absolute negative desire or intent to attend

Matt 22:4-5

Passive rejection: But they paid no attention and went their way

Luke 14:18-20

Matt 22:6

Blatant rejection: seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them

Matt 22:7

But the king was enraged – The destruction of Jerusalem by the armies of Rome in A.D. 70. The Temple was sacked and burned and the city destroyed

Matt 22:8

Worthy – deserving or suitable

2. Verses 9-10 – No-Bodies:

Matt 22:9-10

Both evil – Gentiles

And good – Jews

Luke 14:22

God's Invitation is the invitation of Grace:

1 Cor 1:26-29

3. Verses 11-14 – No-Attire:

Matt 22:11

Note that this guest did not escape God's notice!

Wedding clothes – symbolize “a totally new mode of existence, a transformation”. It is being forgiven, accepted by God through faith. It is God's blood alone that covers our sin.

Matt 22:12

Profession tried:

Isa 61:10

Revelation 19:7-8

Romans 3:19

Phil 3:9

Rev 3:18

Matt 22:13-14

“Those who choose the divine choice are divinely chosen; those who refuse or reject the divine choice are divinely refused or rejected.”

Application:

1. How tragic that those that were considered friends of the King refused His offer
2. Those that reject Jesus' offer miss out in the present and future
3. God's invitation of grace is an open invitation
4. Any person that goes to hell is there because they have chosen to be there