

“Feasting at the King’s Table” ♦ Matthew 22:1-14
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- I. The wedding feast (first offer)
 - A. Hosted by the king.
 - B. Invited dignitaries and respectable people
 - C. The king had prepared a sumptuous feast
 - 1. Expense
 - 2. Effort
 - 3. Generosity
 - D. The guests didn’t show
 - 1. Some despised the king
 - 2. Others were too busy
 - E. Some of those invited even killed the king’s servants who gave the invitation
- II. The destruction of the city
 - A. Those who murdered the king’s servants
 - B. The city was razed and burned
- III. The wedding feast (second offer)
 - A. The servants are sent out again to invite others
 - 1. Go into the remote parts
 - 2. Gather indiscriminately (“good and bad” – anyone and everyone; Matt 22:10)
 - B. The hall was filled
 - C. One man was not properly dressed
 - 1. Like those who refused to come, he also disrespected the king and refused his generosity.
 - 2. Wedding garments in the Ancient Near East
 - a. A special garment with more elaboration and brighter colors
 - b. Not usually provided for the guests
 - 3. Because of the spontaneity of the invitation and the low status of those invited, the king probably would have provided a wedding garment
 - D. The one improperly dressed was expelled from the wedding
- IV. The meaning of the parable
 - A. We are those who didn’t deserve to celebrate with the king but were generously invited. – All are invited – No one too high, no one too low
 - B. We are clothed by the king.
 - C. Christianity is undeserved celebration