

Sermon Notes

Accept the Invitation & Dress for the Event

Matthew 22:1-14

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

The parable and its imagery

22:2-3 The first invitations to the wedding banquet

“They were not willing to come.”

22:4-6 The second invitation to the wedding banquet

“I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves
have been slaughtered.”

Jesus’s sacrifice is the necessary preparation for us
getting into heaven.

Some disregarded.

The rest mistreated and killed his servants.

22:7 The king’s wrathful response.

22:8-10 The invitation to new guests

Anyone and everyone is invited.

Bad and good

22:11-13 The guest who had not put on wedding banquet clothes

Represents a false Christian, who has not put on deeds of
righteousness. (Ref.: Revelation 19:7-10, Ephesians 4, 1 John 2:3-5)

“Fellow, how did you get in here...?”

Punishment of the one without appropriate clothes

22:14 All are invited, but not all will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Application questions for 12-28-2014 sermon Matthew 22:1-14

Do you trust Jesus Christ as the only way you are getting into the kingdom of heaven?

How does it make you feel to know that God did, or is, pursuing you and inviting you into the kingdom of heaven, and into fellowship with Himself?

Further, how does it make you feel that Jesus died for you, to make the preparation for you to be able to enter heaven?

One of the responses in the parable was disregard for Jesus because of business with other things. Although you may not disregard trusting Jesus for salvation, *like the parable was about*, do you find yourself disregarding fellowship with Him or giving attention to obeying Him because of your business with other things?

What do you think you need to do about that?

Are you being a messenger of God, letting people know that God has extended an invitation to them to enter the kingdom of heaven, if they would trust Jesus?

Are you willing to associating with “the bad” people, so you can share Jesus with them?

Do you still tell “the good” people that they need to trust Jesus?
Or do you tend to think they don’t need Him?

The picture in Revelation 19:7-10 is of the church being married to Jesus at the end of time. And the righteous deed of believers are pictured as adorning the bride, the church. With that in mind, how do you feel about how your righteous deeds are contributing to the beauty of the bride? (righteous deeds being doing the right things according to God, the things produced from you obeying God).

Is there anything different you think you need to do?

Is there anything from this sermon that you already knew, but hearing it again was a good reminder for you? Why?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?