

Called and Called and Called and Called

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 190

Matthew 22:1-14

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¹ And Jesus, in answer, again said to them in parables, saying,

² “The kingdom of the heavens is likened to a man, a king, such as made wedding festivities for his son.

³ “And he sent his slaves to call those who had been called unto the wedding festivities — and yet they were not wishing to come.

⁴ “Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Say to those who have been called, ‘Look! My meal have I have readied: my bulls and fattened *cattle* slaughtered, and all things ready. Come to the wedding festivities!’”

⁵ “But they were uninterested and¹ departed, one to his own field, another to his business.

⁶ “And the rest seized his slaves and² abused and killed *them*.

⁷ “And the king became wrathful and sent his armies and³ destroyed those murderers and set their city ablaze.

⁸ “Then he says to his slaves, ‘On the one hand, the wedding is
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ready, but, on the other, those who have been called were not worthy.

⁹ ““Therefore, go to the outlets of the roads,⁴ and as many *folks* as you find, call unto the wedding festivities.’”

¹⁰ “And those slaves went out into the roads⁵ and⁶ gathered together all that they found, both bad⁷ and good; and the wedding *hall* was filled with diners.⁸

¹¹ “And when the king entered to observe the diners,⁹ he saw there a man not clothed with clothing for a wedding.

¹² “And he says to him, ‘Pal, how did you get in here, though not having clothing for a wedding?’ And the *man* was speechless.¹⁰

¹³ “Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind his feet and hands and cast¹¹ him out into the outer darkness! There, there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴ “For many are called, but few are chosen!”

Pastor Phillips’ ad hoc translation)

Introduction:

I. The _____ of the Parable

A. Introduction (vv. 1-2)

B. First Sequence: _____ Calls, and Responses (vv. 2-7)

1. King’s action: _____ to the _____ (v. 3a)
2. Response: _____ ful rejection (v. 3b)
3. King’s reaction: _____ call (v. 4)
4. Response: rejection and violence (vv. 5-6)
5. King’s reaction: punishment — death and destruction (v. 7)

¹ Literally *having been uninterested* (or *unconcerned, uncaring*), *they*.

² Literally *having seized...they*.

³ Literally *having sent...he*.

⁴ Usually translated *ways*.

⁵ Usually translated *ways*.

⁶ Literally *after going out...they*.

⁷ Or *wicked*.

⁸ Literally *reclining ones*.

⁹ Literally *those reclining*.

¹⁰ Literally *muzzled*.

¹¹ Literally *having bound...cast*.

C. Second Sequence: Call, and Responses (vv. 8-12)

1. King's action: fourth call (vv. 8-9)
 - a. _____ (v. 8)
 - b. _____ (v. 9)
2. Response: acceptance (v. 10)
3. King's reaction: entrance and question (vv. 11-12a)
 - a. The _____ question
 - b. The _____ answers
 - c. The _____ answer
4. Response: silence (vv. 12b)
5. King's reaction: punishment — binding and casting out (v. 13)

D. Commentary (v. 14)

II. The _____ of the Parable

A. God's _____ Persistence

B. Man's _____ ity

C. God's Judgment

1. _____ ble: *Then the king said*
2. _____ ble: *"Bind his feet and hands"*
3. _____ ing: *"...cast him out into the outer darkness"*
4. _____ ing: *There, there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth*

D. God's _____ (v. 14)