

The Parable of the Wedding Feast 22:1-14

Sermon 63 in the Matthew Series

Matthew 22:1-14

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III. The Man without a Wedding Garment 22:11-14

Isaiah 61:10 -- I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
My soul shall be joyful in my God;
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

The robe in this parable symbolizes – Christ’s righteousness imputed to us.

Who is guilty of not having a “wedding garment”?

1. All false religions – whether they claim the name “Christian” or not – any kind of works for salvation mentality.
2. But because Christ is talking about the kingdom of God, which is the bride of Christ, it refers to those who are part of a true gospel church.

They are part of a visible church but never come to Christ in saving faith.

1 John 2:19 -- They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

IV. The Differences in Luke's Similar Parable Luke 14:16-24

In Matthew, the purpose of the parable was to warn and foretell what God would do with the leaders and nation that rejected him.

In Luke's parable, Jesus gives an evangelistic message.

1. Matt = in Jerusalem – Luke in Perea
2. Matt = in the Temple area – Luke in a Pharisees house
3. Matt = a wedding feast – in Luke it is a Great Supper
4. Matt = a King – in Luke a “certain man”.
5. Matt = destruction of those that ignored or even killed the messengers
-- in Luke there are excuses made and just anger by the host.
6. Matt = others are invited, but one is rejected – in Luke everyone was “compelled” to come and no one is cast out.
7. Matt = very specific application concerning judgment – Luke a more general and evangelistic application.

V. Many are Called, but Few are Chosen 22:14

This is the doctrine of effectual calling (irresistible grace) and the distinguishing between the general call (our responsibility) and the effectual call (God's work).

Q. 94 – How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

A. The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

John 3:6-8 -- That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Revelation 7:9-17