

# COMPELLING MEN TO COME TO JESUS

## (Part Three)

**TEXT:** Luke 14:15-24

**INTRODUCTION:** The parables that Jesus gave were meant to drive home one central point. Often that point was made clear by the comment that Jesus made after the story. Verse 24 was directed to the Pharisees who had invited Jesus to come for a meal at the home of one of their own. They – together with most of the nation Israel – had been “bidden” to the great “supper” of God, but they had disdained the invitation. Now they were excluded from the occasion altogether although they expected to be part of the “resurrection of the just” (vv. 14,15). God had rejected them. Now He turned to the small, despised Jewish remnant, and finally, the Gentiles.

There is a solemn application here to the self-righteous who do not see their need of the free gift of salvation through Jesus. One cannot miss, however, a secondary application to God’s servants who must “compel” to come to God’s great supper those who feel unworthy of salvation. We must not be discouraged by the rejection of those originally invited. God’s house must be filled!

**OUTLINE:** If we would be **compelling** in our **witness**, in inviting sinners to come to Christ, we must learn several lessons from this parable.

**I. Be Undaunted.**

(v. 18 *“And they all with one consent began to make excuse”*)

**A.** Understand the power of Satan’s lying excuses.

**B.** Tell it to the Master in prayer.

**C.** Go after others (John 10:16 *“And other sheep I have...”*).

**II. Be Urgent.**

(v. 21 *“Go quickly...”*)

**A.** Because *“all things are now ready”* (v. 17)

**B.** Because God *“is not willing that any should perish”* (2 Pet. 3:9)

**C.** Because of the approach of death and the return of Christ (Heb. 9:27; 10:25)

**III. Be Untiring.**

(v. 23 *“Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them...”*)

**A.** Be diligent in your search for sinners hiding.

**B.** Be zealous in your efforts to win them.

1. “Compel” by arguments and entreaties, not by intolerance or persecution.

2. Tell them *“yet there is room”* (v. 22b).

C. Remember – you're not home yet (*"this is not your rest"*)!

**CONCLUSION:** Yes, as far as God is concerned, *"all things are now ready"* But multitudes are not. We must use every wise and worthy way available to us to *"compel"* them to come to the gospel feast. Let us *"go quickly"* to find them, flush them out of their hiding places, tell them what our Lord has said, and bring them to Christ. The King's business requires haste. There are no days off or leaves of absence. We will have all eternity to rest from our exertions.