

Don't Reject the King's Invitation

Matthew 22:1-14

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Rebels against the king receive an invitation. Wow!

To whom is Jesus speaking this parable?

What are two images of the blessings of the New Covenant?

Why do some reject the invitation?

What cultural expectations come with a king's wedding?

How does this parable rehash the history of Israel?

Your Invitation of the King, to Celebrate with the Son (v 1-6)

This is the invitation of grace; it is the call of the gospel.

Why would anyone refuse a king's wedding banquet?

The Response of the King to Rebellious Rejection

He sends his army to destroy the murderers, and to burn their city.

Do we reject the king?

Do we trifle with God?

Are we different to spiritual things?

But the king does more than punish rebellion, *he broadens the invitation.*

Any and all are invited!

Have you been given a Wedding Garment?

One guest, came, but on his own terms.

"I will come to Christ, on my own terms, in my own time, and for my own reasons."

Kings would supply garments for his guests. (Genesis 45:22; Esther 6:8-9; Ezekiel 16:10-13)

The garments of salvation, the robes of righteousness. (Romans 4:22-25)

Many are called, but few are chosen.

What is the difference between the general call of the gospel and the effectual call?

Come, for all things are now ready!

Celebrate my son.