

The Great Wedding Drama

Matthew 22:1-14

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: ² "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain **king who arranged a marriage** for **his son**, ³ and sent out **his servants** to call **those who were invited** to **the wedding**; and **they were not willing to come**. ⁴ Again, he sent out **other servants**, saying, **'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."**' ⁵ But **they made light of it** and **went their ways**, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶ And the **rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them**. ⁷ But when the king **heard about it, he was furious**. And he sent out his armies, **destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city**. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, **'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy**. ⁹ Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' ¹⁰ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding *hall* was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when **the king** came in to see **the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment**. ¹² So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ "For many are called, but few *are* chosen."

Introduction: Cultural context of the time...

Vs 1-10, The greatest celebration is being prepared by a God; a wedding for His Son Jesus. Unfortunately, the original intended guests had no respect for the King nor His Son.

A few things to consider about the King, His Son's wedding, the original guests, and the King's servants.

1. **The King** took great care in preparations for His Son's wedding...vs 2 who arranged a marriage...vs 4 See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready.

2. **The King** was a very considerate and patient King who gave His people multiple invitations/chances to go to this grand wedding for His Son. Vs 3-5... Come to the wedding." ' ⁵ But **they made light** of it...

3. The wedding for the King's one and only Son is very important to Him. Vs 4, 7, 9 .⁹ Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' ¹⁰ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding *hall* was filled with guests.

4. **The original guests** did not have reverence for the King nor had any respect for His Son... Vs 3-5³ and sent out His servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; ; and they were not willing to come. ⁴ Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding." ' ⁵ But **they made light of it.**

5. The King's servants were fully devoted and obedient to their Lord's commands and desires so much so that they are willing to face rejections, imprisonment, persecutions, and even death from people in order to fulfill their King's command...vs 3³ and sent out His servants to call those who were invited to **the wedding**..Vs 4 'Tell those who are invited...Vs 6⁶ And the rest seized His servants, treated them spitefully (disrespect), and killed them.

6. Vs 11-14, What did the King expected from His guests?

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Life application: According to your answer to #6 vs 11-14, What do you think God is desiring for you to learn and apply: 1. in your life _____

2. in our church relationships _____

3. in your sphere of influence and relationships outside of our church walls (is there any VIP guests that you are thinking about and praying for? _____

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[Galatians 6:1-10](#), **6** Brethren, if a man is ^{1a}overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. **2** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. **3** For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. **4** But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. **5** For each one shall bear his own load.

6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. **8** For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. **9** And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. **10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.