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Luke 14:15-24

Isaiah 9:1-2

Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed her, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. ² The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

Matthew 4:12-13a

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali...

If You Had to “Characterize” The Gospel-Ministry of Jesus Christ, it would have to be that of “Light”

John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

The Background to the Parable Setting: (During Passion Week)

Luke 14:1-3

Now it happened, as He went **into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath**, that they watched Him closely. ² And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”

Luke 14:4-6

But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go. ⁵ Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" ⁶ And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

Luke 14:7-11

So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: ⁸ "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; ⁹ and he who invited you and him come and say to you, "Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, "Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 14:12-14

Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER

Luke 14:15

Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

Luke 14:16-24

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, ¹⁷ and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, "Come, for all things are now ready.' ¹⁸ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' ¹⁹ And another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' ²⁰ Still another said, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' ²² And the servant said, "Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' ²³ Then the master said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER

1.) The God of the Bible is Joyous

v.16-20

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, ¹⁷ and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, "Come, for all things are now ready.'

Each of These Excuses are Pretexts
(a reason given in justification of a course of action that is not the real reason)
to the Real Issue. These are Lies and Smokescreens and Veils to
Hide the Real Issue.

¹⁸ But they **all with one accord** (they were united by the same belief, mind, spirit) began to make excuses.

The **first** said to him, "I have bought **(1) a piece of ground**, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'

This man's excuse just gets weaker.

#1 – Who buys land without seeing it? **#2** – It's a poor investment if it's unknown. **#3** – He's been asked to a formal supper at night, not a lunch at noon.

And **another** said, "I have bought **(2) five yoke of oxen**, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' :

This man's excuse just gets weaker.

#1 – Who buys oxen without testing them? **#2** – It's a poor investment unknown.
#3 – He's been asked to a formal supper on a set day. The ox will be there tomorrow.

THIS GUY IS BRUTALLY HONEST WITH HIS EXCUSE.

I will not come because my oxen are more important to me

Luke 21:34-36 NLT

"Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, ³⁵ like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. ³⁶ Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man."

Still **another** said, "I have **(3) married a wife**, and therefore I cannot come.'

This man's excuse just gets weaker.

#1 – Who has a wife and doesn't invite her? **#2** – It's a poor investment unknown. **#3** – He's been asked to a formal supper at night, not an a.m. racquetball game.

ON A SERIOUS NOTE HERE:

Marriage was and is a Sacred Institution no matter what Judges and Politicians try to do with it – they're just playing god.

Marriage is a God Ordained Environment and Experience.

It's God's Perfect Plan - That Marriage Should be Anchored to Jesus Christ. –
According to the Bible, Jesus Christ is the Example for Every Husband to Follow.

A Christian Marriage Assumes Something

That whatever ministry or influence we had before gotten married should at the very least be doubled when the Two become One. Marriage was Created to Develop within us a Servant-Leadership Heart.

Ephesians 5:21

Submitting *(in the perpetual state of)* to one another in the fear of God.

Matthew 13:22

Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

John 5:37-40

And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. ³⁸ But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. ³⁹ You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. ⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

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2.) The God of the Bible is Generous

v.21-22

So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, **“Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.”** ²² And the servant said, “Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’”

Here, Jesus Likens the Pulse of the Kingdom and the Heart of God as being Passionately Desirous of Having His Heaven FILLED-UP.

THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER

3.) The God of the Bible is Right

v.23-24

Then the master said to the servant, **“Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.”** ²⁴ For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.’”

What goes into an invitation by a host?

(You’ve got something to share with others you care about)

What motivates a host to invite others?

(When that something is amazing and others can enjoy it)

What response should be exhibited by a guest?

(Thankfulness, appreciation, joy, happiness, satisfaction)

Why would someone not come to see what God is doing?

(Church is full of hypocrites. It’s boring. God scares me. All they want is my money. It’s too crowded. I don’t want to be the only one there. I don’t get involved in religion or politics...-excuses)

If I had a Penny for Every time I Heard “Pastor, We’ve had to stop going to church on Sunday’s because my kid’s got soccer.” So, do you come on Wednesdays? “Well, no because they have school the next day” – So don’t be surprised when your kid has no time for God in life – it’s a learned response.

24 For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.’ ”

The Rejecters are Themselves Rejected.

We already know all about this kind of stuff.

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Genesis 6:13

And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them

Genesis 7:16

So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and **the LORD shut him in.**

The Rejecters are Themselves Rejected.

The LORD is more than fair.

(No one who doesn’t want to be with God in heaven will be forced to be there, otherwise it wouldn’t be heaven having you there griping and whining about all the love and joy and life and perfection.)

Genesis 18:25c

Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

Church - Lets Pray Tonight Regarding This Parable.

I Wanna Invite You to Come Forward Tonight to Pray This Prayer

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

End of Study

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