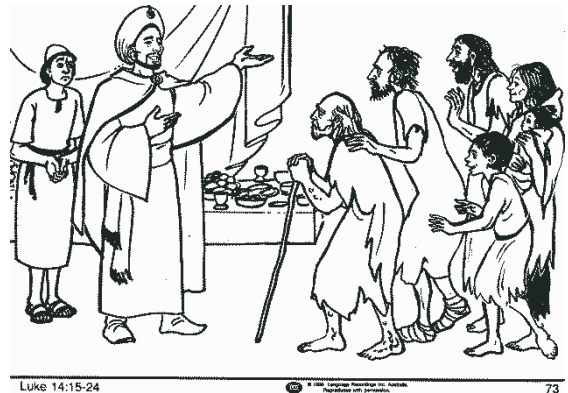


Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

Paul explains, "All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (Galatians 3:27).



Luke 14:15-24

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Open Prayer: Dear Lord, help us want come you today. Help us want enjoy your gifts and give thanks for everything You prepare for us. Give us Your Holy Spirit to touch our hearts and minds with Your Word. In Jesus Name. Amen

Jesus said - The kingdom of heaven is like (same as).

Parable is a teaching story, Jesus is comparing examples for the people help understand about Heaven – who go Heaven, who not go Heaven.

First – ask people - will you go to Heaven?

(See people answer, yes, no, maybe....)

Jesus wants you to know He invites you join Him feast in Heaven

In story King = God

He invites people come wedding - But they refuse

They beat up and kill servants

They are too BUSY

This picture shows Old Testament

God works through people

God works through Abraham, through Jewish people names Israel

God want Israel show WHOLE world His love forgiveness.

People see Moses, David, Solomon – see God power

Temple in Jerusalem see God Glory – He with His people

God prepare everything and invite people join Him.

BUT!!!!

Your read Old Testament.- People ignore God - worship idols

God send His servants = prophets

God want people come join His
But people say NO, they beat prophet, they kill prophets

People want follow their own way
They want control themselves - worship idols
Enemies come – their idols cannot save Israel people
Enemies defeat Israel, Israel becomes prisoners

Why this picture? What is the wedding?
Wedding = Jesus join with His Church
Christ is the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), and the church is his bride.
In Heaven, husbands and wives not married each other (22:30)
We are all married to Christ.
Marriage on earth is picture of wedding feast in heaven.
(Revelation 19:7–9 and 21:2)

Now you see!
Happen people say not want go to wedding –
they really saying they not want go to Heaven
Same people today ignore God – people too BUSY
MEANS??
They are saying NO to Heaven!

Destroy means they are in Hell forever.

Now 2nd part of story – Now King go invites everyone!
This happen Pentecost - Holy Spirit comes continue work in ALL people.
Jesus wants you to know He invites you join Him

But King sees person with no wedding clothes, why King angry?
Wedding with King is not same wedding today

Happen King invite people come – HE gives them clothes come to wedding.
People not have clothes good for wedding,
King must give good clothes to ALL people.

Man come, King give good clean clothes, but he not wear good clothes,
Man keep own dirty clothes – king throw him out

Jesus is showing God do for us
God invite us – God prepare give everything to us
God also gives clothes
But what means clothes??

Galatians 3:27 says –
All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ”
All of you who baptized into Christ have put on Christ as if he were your clothes.
Our clothes = Jesus Christ
His righteousness covers our sin
He covers our naked dirty body and soul with Himself – He is our New Clothes

Happens you and I are Baptized - Jesus covers us
We are sorry – ask God forgive us –
Jesus takes away our old sin filled life
Lord’s Supper Jesus body and blood - Jesus clothes us –
He cover us with His New Holy Life
Thank God!!

People often think same as man in story
Think I am good enough,
My actions are good I can go to Heaven
NOT!!!!

No matter we try – we cannot perfect
WORSE
James 2:10 says we break 1 small commandment – one small sin –
we are guilty break ALL commandments

means SIN is not one small spot on our clothes
means 1 sin = clothes COVER with dirt! Terrible!
God also gives you forgive your sins = clean holy clothes
God prepares welcome you His feast in Heaven!

Now you know story wedding feast
Thank God He do for us!!
God promise His gift you

We want welcome Jesus Word
We want go wedding feast in Heaven

Close Prayer: Dear God,
Thank you invite want bring us great feast with You in Heaven.
Thank You cover me Jesus clean clothes
Please help me believe Your Word, follow You way.
I want home Heaven with You. In Jesus Name Amen

What happen in Story:

Kingdom of heaven is like
King prepared wedding dinner for son
Invite people, but they refuse come,
People beat king's servants, kill them
King send army, kill murders, burn city
King invite everyone, good and bad come
King give new clothes, wedding full people

Law

People not honor to King. Ignore, not want from King.
God is our King, same people today ignore God, not honor Him.
Person come to wedding, King give new clothes, man not want
People say believe in God/Jesus, but not want His New life.

Gospel

God wants invite ALL people join His celebration in Heaven.
No matter people reject God, Thank God He does not give up – He comes to us
Jesus takes away our old life (clothes) sin, He covers us with His New Life –
love and forgives us!

Apply

Jesus shows He (the King) choses us, I cannot choose God.
But people can reject God, they reject not want follow honor God.
People focus what they want do, not what God want.
Many groups (religions) think my works save me – but Jesus shows the King
gives the clothes. Jesus gives us the new life, not depend on what I do.
This is terrible law for people not follow God and not depend His forgive us.
Great Gospel (gift) you and me full depend on God for everything.