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## The Parables of Jesus, Part 7

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### Opening Summary

This is the parable of a king planning for a big event, a marriage ceremony. Certain people were invited but many of them rejected the invitation. It references how God continues to reach out to the world, inviting them to come into the body of Christ, and subsequently to a big event in the end. However, many reject Him. But those who come to the wedding must be properly dressed in order to enter. This lesson reveals the proper attire for the big event.

- I. Mat. 22:1: The *king* refers to God, Himself. The *son* refers to Jesus.
  - A. Eph. 5:31: Marriage means the two become one.
  - B. Eph. 1:21-23: The body of Christ is one with Jesus (Eph. 2:6).
- II. Mat. 22:2: There's an event celebrating Jesus with someone else.
- III. Mat. 22:3: Underline "*his servants.*" It refers to *his prophets and his ministers.*
  - A. He sent them to invite them to the marriage.
  - B. First the Jews were invited.
  - C. Satan attacks the Jews because they were chosen to be the vehicle through which the Messiah would come and mankind would be saved.
  - D. They rejected the message and the messenger (Mark 4:24).
- IV. Mat. 22:4: God continues to give people opportunity to be saved.
- V. Mat. 22:5: These are the scornful, who did what they deemed important (Psa. 1:1).
  - A. Psa. 1:1: This man wouldn't stand around scorners.
  - B. Rom. 1:16: The Word is the most important thing in the world.
- VI. Mat. 22:6: *Remnant* means *remaining ones*. This verse references the Jews who remained following judgment to the children of Israel.
- VII. Mat. 22:7: God's angels are His armies; There are billions of them (Mat. 13:37-42).
  - A. Your angel beholds the face of God on your behalf.
  - B. Every person is assigned an angel at birth (Heb. 1:14).
  - C. The angels' ability to serve you is in your authority.
  - D. In the end the angels will gather up these people.
- VIII. Mat. 22:8: He's talking about the Jews and the leaders.
  - A. The will of God is not automatic.

1. Some Christians think: whatever will be will be. If it's God's will, it will happen. If it isn't His will, it won't happen.
  2. Phrases like "God's in control" usually means God is orchestrating everything and we have nothing to do with it.
    - a. Scripture tells you to choose life or death.
    - b. God is in control from this standpoint: The Book of Revelation tells you certain things will happen because of the choices people made.
  3. There are spiritual laws for every aspect of life, such as:
    - a. There are laws of prosperity and poverty.
    - b. There are laws of health and sickness.
    - c. There are laws of life (long life on earth and eternal life) and death.
    - d. God has a way of doing everything.
    - e. Sin is going against God's way of living.
    - f. Example: 2 Thes. 3:10 says a man that doesn't work shouldn't eat. Going against that Scripture is going against God's way, and it is sin.
    - g. God's way may be politically unpopular.
- B. The more you understand God's ways, the closer you can walk with Him.
- C. God is incentive driven.
1. If you tithe, the windows of heaven open up to you (Mal. 3:10).
  2. If you walk His way, His great blessing will be upon you (Deu. 28:1-14).
  3. He's not in control in that regard. You are. You must choose His way.
  4. Humans intrinsically want to blame others for their misfortune.
- D. Mat. 22:9: The highway is the world (Luke 14:23; Mark 16:16; Mat. 28:18).
1. Jesus came for the Jews first. They rejected Him.
  2. God said to go to the world. We must tell everyone about Jesus.
- E. Mat. 22:10: The wedding references the judgment (Rev. 20:10-15).
1. I predict there will be a renewed interest in the book of Revelation, because it is becoming clearer that we are very near the end.
  2. Rarely do you hear preaching about hell.
  3. In this parable Jesus is signaling the future. All will stand before God.
- IX. Mat. 22:11: *The wedding garment* is a reference to being born again.
- A. John 3:3-5: *Water is the Word* (Eph. 5:26).
- B. 2 Cor. 5:17: The Holy Spirit makes you a brand new creation in Christ.
- C. John 3:6: A flesh and blood body can only be created from a male and female. Anything else is against God's design. That makes it sin.

1. In Finland two people were imprisoned for saying marriage is only between a man and a woman. Humans produce a physical house. God puts in the life.
  2. Pray for every US Supreme Court Justice regarding a case in Mississippi that could overturn Roe v Wade.
- D. John 3:7: You must be born again (the wedding garment).
- E. In Mat. 22:11: This verse indicates a person who wasn't born again. Being born again is not religious rituals, but receiving the Messiah. Once you receive Him, the Holy Ghost recreates your spirit and gives you a new *wedding garment*.
- X. Mat. 22:12-13: Only a few were willing to wear the proper garment. (Mat. 7:13).
- A. At the end of the day, there is judgment. God sent His son and gave multiple opportunity to hear and receive Him. People decided to turn away from God's choice. God opened the door so anyone can come to the marriage. One group is not better than another. You had nothing to do with the race you were born into.
  - B. God formed man from dirt and breathed life into him. All skin colors return to the same color dust when the life leaves the body. That's a trick of the devil to divide you by race. There are only two races: satan's family and God's family.
  - C. When you seek God, you get more revelation on top of revelation.
- XI. Mat. 16:13: Jesus calls Himself Son of man, the last Adam (1 Cor. 15:45).
- A. Mat. 16:16-18: God builds His church on the rock of revelation knowledge. He makes clear things you never knew before.
    1. God does not build His church on entertainment.
    2. People like me are not to provide religious entertainment.
  - B. Mat. 16:19: Keys to the kingdom: whatever you say is the way it shall be. Jesus gave you power in your mouth to declare that you will have what God says you can have.
  - C. A church without revelation of God's way is just a religious entity.
  - D. *I think*: Those two words have killed billions of people. It's not about what somebody thinks, it's about what God said. The older I get and the more I study the Word, the closer I look for *what God is saying*.
- XII. Regarding Covid/Delta Variant, DO NOT FEAR. Listen to the Holy Ghost. Take care of your body. Claim Psalm 91.

### **Closing Summary**

There is a big event that will take place in heaven. Take heed to what you've both read and heard so that you are properly dressed for the occasion. This lesson was taught so that you would be one of the chosen ones, born again by receiving Jesus as your Lord, ready to attend the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9).