



PARABLE OF THE WEDDING BANQUET

*The kingdom of heaven is like a king
who prepared a wedding banquet for his son...*

MATTHEW 22:1-14

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- God's calling seems to correspond with the King's invitation. The invitation went out to the original guest list (House of Israel and House of Judah), to the Church and will go to all mankind.
- While God's calling is widespread going out to many, those who choose to respond to the invitation and choose to wear the proper wedding garment could be a smaller group.



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– "Called" – Kletos / Invited / G2822

- Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."
- I Corinthians 1:2; 24 "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours...But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."



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- **“Chosen” – Eklektos / Chosen or Elect/ G1586**
 - **Matthew 24:14; 24** “And except those days should be shortened , there should no flesh be saved, but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened...For there shall arise fales Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”
 - **I Peter 2:9** “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that you should show forth praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”



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 - **Hosea 11:1 (Matthew 2:15)** **“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and I called my son out of Egypt.”**
 - **Romans 8:30** **“Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.**
 - **If you are a Christian, you have been called; called to respond to God and to become His possession.**



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- **Although we may have responded to the call of Salvation, we may turn away from that call, even after having first responded to it.**
- **Deuteronomy 7:6 “The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth...”**
- **They first said 'yes' to the invitation. But they went back on their word by rejecting the invitation and killing the messengers of the King. As we saw in the Parable of the Landowner, the kingdom was taken away from them and given to a new nation, the community of Jesus' disciples.**
- **Galatians 1:6 “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you in the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel.**

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■ **Matthew 7:13-14**

- **“Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”**



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■ Matthew 22:11-13

But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.

So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.

"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.'

Without A
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■ We are to Put on Immortality

- **I Corinthians 15:53-54** "For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."
- **II Corinthians 5:2-4** "Here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling, so that by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we sigh with anxiety; not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
- **Galatians 3:27** "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ? (Expression of Faith)

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■ We are to Put on Righteousness

- **Isaiah 61:10** "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness... ."

■ We are to Keep on Righteousness

- **Romans 13:14** "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts ."
- **Ephesians 4:21-24** "Assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus. Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."

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■ Israel did not maintain God's Clothing

- Ezekiel 16:8-22 "...I also clothed you with embroidered cloth and put sandals on your feet and I wrapped you in fine linen and covered with you with silk...Also, My bread which I gave you, fine flour, oil and honey which I fed you..."

■ The Church must maintain God's Clothing

- Revelation 19:5-10 "...Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. It was given to her to clothe herself fine linen, bright and clean; the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write, Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb..."

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■ Our Responsibility

- We must respond to our invitation
- Though we enter into the Commitment of Faith, are baptized, God wants to see if we are continuing to wear the appropriate wedding garment (Jesus Christ, Faith, Righteousness, etc.).
- There must be evidence of wanting to please God and properly conducting our behavior (actions, speech and attitude), in the way of Jesus Christ's example.
- We must express gratitude for our invitation, in continual Faith, Attitude and Conduct, to be Chosen through Jesus Christ gift of Eternal Life (Salvation).