

# The Invitation

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### Observations from Matthew 22:1-14

What is happening in these verses?

- v1: Jesus speaks in parables (*simple stories revealing deeper truths*)(1)
- v2: The King (*God*)(2) prepares a wedding banquet (*the Kingdom of Heaven*)(3) for His Son (Jesus Christ).(4)
- v.3: The King's servants (*prophets & apostles*)(5) invite guests (*Israel/the people of God*)(6), but they refuse.(7)
- v. 4-6: A second invitation shows God's patience,(8) yet some guests make excuses and others kill the servants. They still choose to reject God's call.(9)
- v. 7: The King's judgment falls upon those who murdered His servants, showing the seriousness of rejecting God's invitation.(10)
- v. 8-10: The invitation then is then opened to anyone willing to come—both “good and bad.” This shows the gospel's invitation is greater than the first invitation.(11)
- v. 11-12: One guest is found without wedding clothes, symbolizing a lack of Christ's righteousness. He is speechless.(12)
- v. 13: This improperly clothed guest is cast into outer darkness. This foreshadows the final judgment for those who appear but lack true salvation.(13)
- v. 14: “Many are called, few are chosen” shows that the invitation is available. Response requires believing in Christ and putting on the new self.(14)

**Reference Key (Footnotes for Observation):** (1) *Matthew 13:10-11; Mark 4:34*, (2) *Psalms 47:7-8; John 3:16*, (3) *Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 19:9*, (4) *Matthew 3:17; John 3:29; Revelation 19:7-9*, (5) *Matthew 21:34-36; Acts 7:51-52*, (6) *Romans 9:4-5; Matthew 10:5-7*, (7) *John 1:11*, (8) *2 Chronicles 36:15-16; 2 Peter 3:9*, (9) *Luke 14:18-20; Hebrews 11:36-37; Matthew 23:37*, (10) *Luke 19:41-44; Daniel 9:26; Matthew 24:2*, (11) *Romans 10:13; Luke 14:21-23; Acts 13:46; Matthew 28:19*, (12) *Isaiah 64:6; Galatians 3:27; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Revelation 19:8*, (13) *Matthew 8:12; Revelation 20:15; Philippians 3:9*, (14) *John 3:16; Romans 10:9-13; Matthew 7:13-14*

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## Lessons from Matthew 22:1-14:

What can we learn (interpret) from these verses?

- **God's Invitation is for Everyone:**
    - God's call to salvation is open to all. This shows His love and patience.
      - Supporting Verses: *2 Peter 3:9, John 3:16*
  - **We Must Wear the Right Garment (Christ's Righteousness):**
    - We cannot earn salvation. We need the "wedding clothes" from Christ.
      - Supporting Verses: *Isaiah 61:10, Galatians 3:27*
  - **Rejecting God's Invitation Has Consequences:**
    - Persistent refusal to respond to God's call leads to judgment.
      - Supporting Verses: *John 3:36, Hebrews 10:26-27*
  - **Many Are Called, Few Are Chosen**
    - The call to salvation is broad & for all. Response: Know, Grow and Go!
    - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 7:13-14, Ephesians 2:8-9*
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## Application from Matthew 22:1-14:

How can I apply / live out these verses?

- **For the Invited & Unwilling: Respond to the Invitation:**
    - No matter your background, God welcomes you to His feast.
      - Supporting Verses: *John 6:37; Romans 3:23-24*
  - **For the Gathered & Unworthy: Return to the Banquet:**
    - Hurt and Disappointment don't change God's invitation: Both the good and the bad are welcome to the feast.
      - Supporting Verses: *Luke 15:20; Joel 2:25-26*
  - **For the Guests & the Unprepared: Examine Your Garment:**
    - We cannot earn salvation: It by faith in Christ & being clothed in him.
      - Supporting Verses: *2 Corinthians 13:5; Philippians 1:6*
  - **For the Servants & the Chosen: Extend the Invitation:**
    - Like the King's servants we are called to invite everyone to the feast!
      - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 4:2*
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