

## SERMON NOTES

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SUNDAY, October 11, 2020 – Pastor Kischnick

THEME: “Come to the Wedding Banquet” TEXT: Matthew 22:1-14

INTRO. Imagine with me: “King Matthew” – son’s wedding banquet > decorations, lights, tulle, table favors, chandelier, caterers, the whole 9 yards! Open doors...NO ONE STAYED! All prep, no guests! Embarrassed, disrespected, a waste, ANGER! Solution = They were not worthy, invite all the public. Come!

TEXT: 3<sup>rd</sup> parable (Two Sons, Tenants) > Warning! Jewish leaders – reject God’s Christ, you’ll miss out. Ignore grace, judgment will follow!

STILL TRUE TODAY: God’s call goes to all, but only the faithful are saved.

### I. WEDDINGS WERE (AND ARE) A BIG DEAL

ILLUST. CNBC: Ave. wedding US =\$33,901! IN = \$22800, CA=\$39000, NY=\$48600, NJ=\$53400, UT=\$19700

A. In Jesus’ day – son’s wedding single largest expenditure in family.

B. For KING, even more so!

1. OXEN and fatted cattle (not sheep or calves or chicken nuggets!)
2. Wedding clothes
3. Wine
4. 3-4 days long!

C. The Family Honor: Disrespected by ignoring, reject his call & gifts.

1. All for *mundane* tasks! They don’t want to be there.

ILLUST. Readers Digest, “15 Worst Excuses” – Man invited neighbors to dinner; hour late; called; Wife: “Oh, I thought that was last night!”

### II. THE LESSON

A. The Characters: KING = God the Father, SON = Jesus, BANQUET= Heavenly Feast, INVITED GUESTS= Israel, NEW GUESTS= Gentiles, Us

B. MEANING: Reject the Invitation = Reject Jesus > Judgment

1. Jesus: “Others are entering the Kingdom of God ahead of you...”
2. Others = Tax collectors, prostitutes, “sinners”, Gentiles

C. For us: God’s call to faith in Jesus is our invitation to “the Feast of the Lamb in his Kingdom.”

1. OT Lesson: Banquet for LIVING PEOPLE – the Resurrection
2. EPSTL: Rejoice, Kingdom is ours! Best is yet to come.

ILLUST. Grandma: “Save your fork, the best is yet to come.” Casket/fork!

III. POSTSCRIPT: The one who was without the wedding clothes.

A. NONE at the Feast were worthy! King’s grace covers them.

B. One wears his OWN clothes, good enough! (self-righteousness)

1. He’s judged the same as those who rejected the invitation.

CLOSE: Her fiancé bailed out. Reception paid for. Invites strangers from the street. We have an invitation to biggest/best. Covered by the Father’s grace through faith in Jesus’ righteousness. We will be WELCOMED!