

## **Called to Feast**

Matthew 22:1-14; John 6:27-58

### **I. THE SYMBOLIC CHARACTERS**

#### **A. The King—God the Father**

- 1. Salvation is His idea.**
- 2. He is generous.**

#### **B. The King's Son—Jesus, the Bridegroom of the Church**

#### **C. The Servants**

- 1. Old Testament Prophets**
- 2. New Testament Evangelists**

#### **D. The Guests**

- 1. The Original Invitees (Act 13:46)—the Jewish Nation**
- 2. The Alternate Guests (Mat 8:11-12)**
  - a. Gentiles—non-Jews, pagans**
  - b. Good and Bad—not their own deserving but by faith in Jesus Christ**

### **II. THE EVENT SETTING (2)—Salvation as a Royal Wedding Banquet**

#### **A. Salvation's Feast (Jn 6:35)—food and fellowship**

- 1. It is lavish. (Ps 34:8-10)—plenteous, choice, beautiful, sumptuous and delicious**
- 2. It is substantial. (Isa 55:2)—real food, not snacks**
- 3. It is satisfying. (Ps 63:5; Isa 44:20)—this is what our souls crave**

#### **B. Salvation's Romance—A wedding Banquet, a celebration of love and relationship**

- 1. God is the author of romance. (Gen 2:22-25; Song of Solomon; Is 62:5)**

2. Jesus is the romantic hero of redemptive history. (Jn 3:29; Rev 19:6-8 & 22:17)
3. Salvation is a feast of love. (Song 2:4)

C. Salvation's Invitation (3-4, 9)—Evangelism is inviting people to a party!

1. It is royal. It comes with authority.
2. It is free. God paid for it.
3. It has been prepared. God planned it.
4. Come now. (2 Cor 6:2). You must respond.

D. Salvations Rejection (3, 5-6; Heb 2:3)

1. They ignored the summons. (passive rejection)
2. They pursued other things. (prioritize selfish distractions)
3. They attacked the servants. (actively insult)

### III. THE STORY'S CONCLUSION

A. The Reality of God's Wrath (7, 13)—God is kind, generous and loving, but He is also holy and just. Love itself is complex and dangerous.

1. For those who reject His offer of salvation
2. For those who presume to come without Christ

B. The Need for Appropriate Attire (11-12; Zec 3:3-5)—Christ's righteousness

1. Everyone is called to come and receive salvation. (Jn 3:16 & 6:37) The gospel invitation is for everyone, without discrimination.
2. Only those clothed in Christ's righteousness will be accepted. (Is 64:6; Jn 3:18, 36) You cannot come on your own, apart from Christ.