

The Parable of the Wedding Garment Test – Matthew 22:1-14

That Parable illustrates the progressive steps of the Divine Plan during the Gospel Age to find, select, and test the "sanctuary class"—the consecrated few who are to become the "Bride, the Lamb's Wife – See Volume 3 page 197

Setting: From Matt 21 The multitudes cried, "... Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." (v9) As Jesus enter Jerusalem. Jesus goes to the Temple over throws the tables of the money changers. (v10) The next day, he tells the parable of the fig tree to the disciples. (v19-22) He comes again to the temple and the chief priests and the elders question his authority. Jesus asks them about what authority John the Baptist had. Then Jesus gives the audience the parable of the Two Sons and the parable of the Tenants (v23-44)

The chief priest and Pharisees then perceived that he spoke of them. (v45-46) Then Jesus speaks the parable of the Wedding garment. Jesus summarizes the lesson, "**For many are called, but few are chosen.**" Matt 22:14

The First Call (Invited reminded to come)

1. "And [The King - God] sent forth his servants to call them that were **bidden** to the wedding: and they would not come." Matt 22:3 And again, "Tell them which are **bidden**" "all things are ready" Matt 23:4 Who are the ones first "**bidden**" to the wedding? Are the parables of Matt 21 related?

The General Call (A new general invitation)

2. "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, **bid** to the marriage." Matt 22:9-10 Who received this new call as a result of the reaction to the first call? Luke 13:34

The remainder of the Parable of the Wedding garment (v11-13) deals with a guest who does not have a wedding garment and the consequences.

3. How do we know that the wedding garment was offered to all the guests that arrived? What is the significance of that wedding garment?

See Isa 61:10 64:6; Zech 3:3-4 Rom 8:30-34 Gal 3:27 Rom 13:14

4. What does the absence of a wedding garment tell you about that guest?

What is the lesson for us? Matt 25:1-13 Psa 50:5 Heb 6:4-6

Rom 11:20-21 Phil 3:8,9 James 2:18 Rev 19:7-8 Heb 10:29

Suggested references:

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