## Luke 14:15-24 **Supper in the Kingdom of God**

## Invited Guests Unworthy - Invitation Extended to All

15 Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

16 Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, 17 and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' 18 But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' 19 And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' 20 Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' 21 So that servant came and reported these things to his master.

Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' 22 And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'

23 Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' " NKJV

## Facts Revealed:

- This illustration is similar to the previous illustration of the land owner and vinedressers.
  - ♦ The inviting King is God the Father. [Matthew 22:2, Luke 14:16-17]
  - ♦ The wedding supper is for His Son Messiah Jesus and represents the Marriage Supper of
    the Lamb at the entering of the Kingdom. [Matthew 22:2, Revelation 19:7-9]
  - → The servants who call those invited to the wedding supper are the prophets of Israel.

    [Matthew 22:3-6, 21:34-36]
  - ♦ The call goes first to those first invited which represent the Children of Israel, for the Gospel was given to the Jew first. [Matthew 22:3, 21:34-36, Luke 14:17, Romans 1:16]
  - ♦ Those invited, refused with excuses. [Matthew 22:3, Luke 14:18-20]
  - ♦ The second call was made by the Apostles who took the Gospel message to the Jews first.

    [Matthew 22:4, 10:5-6, Luke 14:21-22]
  - ♦ The response of the Children of Israel the Jews was the same, they treated the messengers spitefully and killed them. [Matthew 22:5-6, 23:29-36, 24:9]
  - ♦ God Judged the Jews, the nation was destroyed and Jerusalem was burned 70 AD fulfilling this very prophecy. [Matthew 22:7]
  - ♦ The last wave of servants sent out to call people to the wedding are the Apostles and the Church as the message of the Kingdom was sent out around the world to call Jew and Gentile to the Wedding Supper of the Lamb. That call continues throughout the Great Tribulation. [Matthew 22:8-9, Luke 14:23]
  - ♦ The call goes out to the good and the bad, everyone has an opportunity to hear the invitation, and the response is up to the individual. [Matthew 22:10, Luke 14:23]
  - ♦ Multitudes have responded through the ages, and the wedding hall will be filled with guests who represent those of the Church who have claimed to be Christians. [Matthew 22:10]
  - ♦ When the King examined the guests (the Church) He found a man who did not have on a wedding garment. [Matthew 22:11]

- ☐ The wedding garment represents God's provision for our salvation, righteousness of Christ imputed to true believers. [Romans 4:1-12, Ephesians 2:4-10, 2 Timothy 1:8-9]
- ☐ The man without the wedding garment represents the man who stands before God pridefully trusting in his own righteousness which God counts as filthy rags. [Isaiah 64:6]
- At the Judgment Seat of Christ before entering into the Kingdom of Heaven, those who do not have the righteousness of Christ imputed to them by faith, but are trusting in their own goodness, will find themselves purged from among the believers and cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [Matthew 22:12-13]
  - ♦ Those who have rejected the call will not taste of the Supper of the Lamb. [Luke 14:24]
  - → There is only one way in to the Kingdom of Heaven, and that is through humble faith in Christ Jesus. [John 14:6, Hebrews 10:19-23, Luke 13:24, 18:17]
  - ♦ "For many are called, but few are chosen." [Matthew 22:14, 7:14, 20:16, Luke 13:23-29]