

PORTRAIT  
OF THE  
*King*



ADMINISTRATION

# **“The Parable of the Wedding Feast”**

**MATTHEW 22:1-14**





How about this  
for preaching a  
sermon on God's  
wrath?



How about this  
for a trip to the  
beach?



How about going  
out in public  
looking like this?

**KEY POINT:**

To enter **heaven** you must be **wearing** the Son.



1. The Parable of the 2 Sons (Matthew 21:28-32)
2. The Parable of the Tenants (Matthew 21:33-44)
3. The Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-14)

**3 Parables for the  
Religious Leaders**



# Comparing Two Passages

**MATTHEW 22:1-14**

**LUKE 14:15-24**

In Jerusalem

A journey to Jerusalem

No guest remarks

A guest remarks at dinner

Wedding feast

Great supper or banquet

Some guests destroyed

Some guests pass by



- I. SCENE 1 – Wedding invitations are sent out and they are rejected (vs. 1-6).

Outline of Matthew 22:1-14



*When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.*

**Mathew 21:45**



# A Few Notes About Weddings During This Time

- Feast and ceremony were inseparable
- Continued for a week; royal weddings for several weeks
- Some guests housed with bridal family.
- Refusing to come was dishonoring.



# The Parable of the Wedding Feast

## THE CHARACTER

## THE SYMBOL

King

God the Father

Son (bridegroom in Scripture)

God the Son (Jesus Christ)

Wedding feast

Heaven

Invitations

Salvation offered

Those who do not come

Hostile or apathetic

Wedding guests who came later

Those the Jews didn't expect would be invited (Gentiles)

Guest not wearing the right clothes

Someone trying to get to heaven the wrong way

*He came to his own,  
and his own people did not receive him.*

**John 1:11**



<sup>3</sup> *This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> **who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.***

<sup>5</sup> *For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,*

**I Timothy 2:3-5**



*The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count  
slowness, but is patient toward you,  
**Not wishing that any should perish,  
But that all should reach repentance.***

**II Peter 3:9**



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Outline of Matthew 22:1-14





- He destroyed them.
- He burned their city.
- He called the original invitees unworthy to be present at the wedding.

**The King's Measurable  
Displeasure**



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*<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,<sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of ...*

**I Corinthians 6:9-11**



*...God. <sup>11</sup> And such were some of you.*

*But you were washed, you were sanctified,  
you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and by the Spirit of our God.*

**I Corinthians 6:9-11**



God has saved...

- Blasphemers like Paul (I Timothy 1:13-15)
- Thief on the cross (Luke 23:42-43) – deathbed conversions
- Fishermen who would deny him like Peter
- Tax collectors like Matthew who financially abused his own people
- Slave traders like John Newton



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- IV. SCENE 4 – An intruder is expelled (vs. 11-14).

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*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

**Matthew 5:8**





*You therefore must be perfect,  
as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

**Matthew 5:48**



*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness  
of God.*

**II Corinthians 5:21**



“...the Father treated Him as if He were a sinner by charging to His account the sins of everyone who would ever believe...God credits believers’ sin to Christ’s account, and His righteousness to theirs.”



**John MacArthur**



- Scripture: II Corinthians 5:21
- Jesus became our pardon for our sin; we became His righteousness for our salvation.
- Isaiah 61:10 – “...for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,...”

**Imputation**



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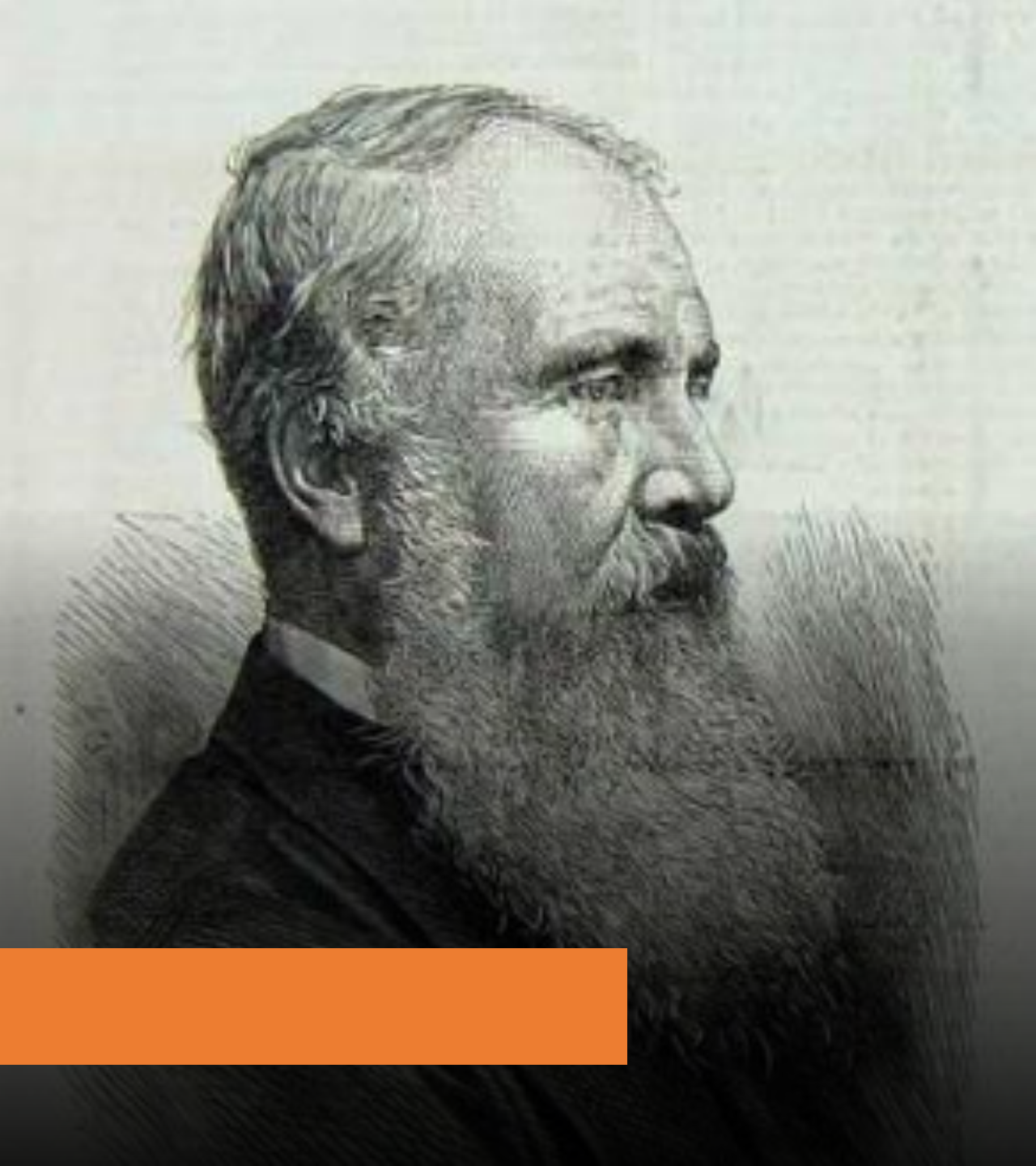
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“There are thousands of hearers of the Gospel who derive from it no benefit whatever. They listen to it Sunday after Sunday, and year after year, and do not believe to the saving of the soul. ...



**J.C. Ryle**



“... They feel no special need of the Gospel; they see no special beauty in it; they do not perhaps hate it, or oppose it, or scoff at it, but they do not receive it into their hearts. They like other things far better. ...



“...Their money, their land,  
their business, or their  
pleasures, are all far more  
interesting subjects to them  
than their souls.  
It is an awful state of mind  
to be in, but awfully  
common. ...





“... Let us search our own hearts, and take heed that it is not our own.

Open sin may kill its thousands; but indifference and neglect of the Gospel kill their tens of thousands.

...



“... Multitudes will find themselves in hell, not so much because they openly broke the ten commandments, as because they made light of the truth. Christ died for them on the cross, but they neglected Him.”

