



The Invitation, The Rejection

By Ken Terry on December 22, 2022

READING: Matthew 22

In today's reading Jesus gives us a parable comparing the Kingdom of Heaven to a king who gave a banquet for his son. The parable represents Jesus, the gift of God given to the people of Israel, to only be rejected by the leaders of the nation, judged to death in a kangaroo court, and then crucified as a common criminal. *"But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them"* (Matthew 22:5-6, NKJV).

After those leaders rejected the invitation, the invitation was extended to those outside of the social order of such an event. The King reconciled those who rejected, not being worthy of his son. The king decided to extend his invitation to everyone else, *"Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding." So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests"* (Matthew 22:9-10, NKJV).

The invitation, Jesus the Holy One of God, is now extending to the rest of humanity. My friends, we make up the rest of humanity. We have been invited into the Kingdom of God and given everything we need to know Jesus and grow in our walk with Him, like those who were taken off the street for the king's banquet for his son--except for one individual. *"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless"* (Matthew 22:11-12, NKJV).

The issue was the king provided garments to be worn for such a momentous occasion, but this individual rejected the king's kindness, graciousness, and loving gesture. Therefore, he was dealt with accordingly. *"Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth'"* (Matthew 22:13, NKJV).

We all have a choice to make as we take on each day in our lives. We can either walk the path of Jesus, the righteous path of God, or we walk the path of self and self-interest. This path is driven by self-righteous behaviors. My friends we have been extended the invitation, do not allow the King of Glory to see your choice as a rejection due to the lack of His Glory in you.

PRAYER: Our Father in the Heavens, Jehovah God, we thank You for extending to us the invitation of eternal life in Jesus. We thank You for seeing more in us than what is revealed from our external being. Father, please continue to develop the inner man in us, help us be more like your Son, Jesus the Christ. Please continue to provide us more deposits of His glory

as we seek further to know You and serve You better. We ask all these things in the matchless name of Jesus Christ.

TOMORROW'S READING: Matthew 23

Copyright © 2022 First Baptist Church, Fort Mill, SC, All rights reserved.

[Visit our website](#)

First Baptist Church | (803)547-2051 | 121 Monroe White St., Fort Mill, SC 29715 | fbcfm.com

First Baptist Church Fort Mill | 121 Monroe White St., Fort Mill, SC 29715

[Unsubscribe {recipient's email}](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by fbcfm@comporium.net powered by



Try email marketing for free today!