# God's Kingdom: Perspective from Jesus' Wedding Feast Parable

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Matthew 22:1-14

### The Cast

- 1. The King v.2
- 2. The Prince/Groom v.2
- 3. The Servants v.3
- 4. The <u>Invited</u> vv.3-14

Those who neglect the invitation. v.5

Those who reject the invitation. v.6

Those who accept the invitation. vv.10-14

-Those who <u>enjoy</u> the feast because they enter on the King's terms.

Ephesians 2:10, Romans 13:14,

Galatians 3:26-27

-Those <u>expelled</u> from the feast because they attempt to enter on their <u>own</u> terms. vv.11-13

Isaiah 64:6, Galatians 2:15-21

5. The Attendants v.13

Matthew 13:39b-43

# The Cost

The Reward:

- 1. Partaking of the <u>feast</u>.
- 2. Employed by the Father.
- 3. Engaged to the Groom.
- 4. Eternal joy in Heaven.

#### The Punishment:

- 1. Expelled & excluded from <u>reward</u>.
- 2. Bound as a <u>criminal</u> guilty & damned.
- 3. Imprisoned in <u>darkness</u>.
- 4. <u>Tortured</u> in pain forever in Hell.

## The Choice

- 1. <u>Surrender</u> to God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
- 2. Share the <u>Gospel</u> with everyone, everywhere.
- 3. Serve the Lord <u>because</u> you're saved, not in order to <u>be</u> saved.