

LESSONS FROM A GREAT SUPPER

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During His public ministry our Lord used parables many times in His teaching. Let us see what we can learn from the "supper parable" in Luke 14:15-24.

Our Salvation is for the Taking. " ... A certain man gave a great supper and invited many." {Luke 14:16} In this parable, all the preparations had been made for this feast. Spiritually speaking, God has made all the preparations for the salvation of our souls by the sending of His Son, John 3:16; Romans 5:8. God's grace is there for the taking-if one truly desires what grace can do for their sin stained soul. "And sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, Come, for all things are now ready." {Luke 14:17} God has done His part, Matthew 11:28-30.

God wants us to come "with all of our heart." "But they all with one accord began to make excuses ... " {Luke 14:18} What were these "excuses"? They bought land, oxen and married a wife. None of these were accepted by the Master! God must be first place in our lives or He has no place! Matthew 6:33; Matthew 10:34-37; Luke 14:26-33. No one can serve God with "divided loyalty." "For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper." {Luke 14:24} These would not get another chance to reconsider!

God is not partial. " ... 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. " {Luke 14:21} Even after these were invited there was still room! Luke 14:22 There is no room for prejudice and ill will toward any group of God's kingdom today. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28) All who obey Him, love Him, and are faithful to His cause will have that home in heaven. God's desire is for all to be saved, 2 Peter 3:9 There is even room in the kingdom for you dear reader. Our Lord's invitation is open to all and will never be too full to accept anyone. Won't you come to His "feast" today? ***