

THE TRUE GOSPEL

100 SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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THE KINGDOM IS LIKE AN INVITATION TO A WEDDING

Mat 22:2 The **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN** is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

Mat 22:3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

Mat 22:4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and [my] fatlings [are] killed, and all things [are] ready: come unto the marriage.

Mat 22:5 But they made light of [it], and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

Mat 22:6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated [them] spitefully, and slew [them].

Mat 22:7 But when the king heard [thereof], he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

Mat 22:8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

Mat 22:9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

Mat 22:10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

Mat 22:11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

Mat 22:12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

Mat 22:13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast [him] into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few [are] chosen.

Note: Here, in a nutshell, God tells the whole story of his calling mankind into the salvation of the Kingdom of Heaven. God shows himself as a King inviting people to the wedding of his son, Jesus Christ. All Christians who are called into God's Kingdom are espoused or engaged to the Lord Jesus Christ.

* 2Cor 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ.

Many in Israel, who were called first, made light of the invitation and killed the prophets whom God sent to correct them. So he finally destroyed their city, Jerusalem. Then God began to call Gentiles. Many of them did answer his call to come to the wedding. But, notice that those who presume to come without a wedding garment will be cast out. The wedding garment is symbolic of the righteousness of the saints.

*Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed [are] they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

This parable shows that while God is opening the invitation to salvation to include all people, nobody is going to come in without the required righteousness.