

The Necessity of Being Correctly Dressed when we Appear Before the King Matt.22:1-14

Introduction

1. Last week we considered the parable of the Good Samaritan.
2. Today's parable represents the gospel.
Jesus is again addressing the unbelief of the Jewish leaders, and God's response to their unbelief.

1. The ultimate banquet (Mat.22:1-2; Hos.2:6; Matt.9:15; 25:1; Eph.5:1ff; Rev.21:2,9)
2. The invitation to the banquet (Matt.22:3-6)
 1. The king's graciousness expressed in three invitations
 1. The first two invitations (22:3)
 2. The third invitation (22:4)
 2. The three categories of response to the invitation
 1. They rejected the offer (Matt.22:3)
 2. The people were indifferent to the offer (Matt.22:5)
 3. They were angered at the offer (Matt.22:6; 23:37)

Application

3. Judgment on the Jewish leaders (Matt.22:7)
 1. Note that there is a limit to God's patience
 2. Some commentators believe that this is a reference to the future destruction of Jerusalem in AD. 70.
4. The invitation was rejected by the Jewish leaders and re-issued to the Gentiles (All people) (Matt.22:8-10; Rom.9:30-33)
5. Ill prepared for the banquet (Matt.22:11)
 1. Two views on who supplied the wedding garment
 1. The first interpretation is that the king supplied the wedding garment (Is.61:10a)
 2. The second interpretation is that the guests came dressed appropriately but in their own clean clothes
 2. The wedding garment (see Zech.3:3-5; Rev.3:18; 19:8)
 1. Any person attending a wedding banquet had to be dressed appropriately.
 2. What the king required, was a thing of indifference to the man
 3. Q. What is the wedding garment? (Zech.3:3-4a; Is.61:10a)
 4. The man was speechless" (Matt.22:12)

6. Judgment on all who are ill-prepared (Matt.22:13; 8:12; 13:42,50; 24:51; 25:30)

7. The necessary rebirth (Matt.22:14)

1. The general call or the external call

2. The effective call or the internal call (Rom.8:30; Jn.6:44)

Conclusion

1. There are those who when they hear the gospel:

1.They reject the offer (22:3)

2. They are indifferent to the offer (22:5)

2. Then there are those who when they hear the gospel think that they can come on their own terms

3. Then there are those who when they hear the gospel: