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15 When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.” **16** Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.

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**“Association of the future
kingdom with a feast was
common.”**

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Isaiah 25:6

6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine — the best of meats and the finest of wines.

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Luke 14:13-14

13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, **14** and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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“[The resurrection of the righteous are] “Those who have pronounced so by God on the basis of Christ’s atonement and who have evidenced their faith by their actions.”

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Romans 1:17

17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed — a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

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Luke 14:17

17 At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

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“The preinvited guests refer to the people of Israel, who had been told by the OT to be ready for the arrival of the Messiah.”

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Luke 14:18-20

18 “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ **19** “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ **20** “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’”

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“The initial invitation must have been accepted, but when the final invitation came other interests took priority. None of the excuses given was valid. For example, one did not buy a field without first seeing it, nor oxen without first trying them out.”

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Luke 14:21-22

21 “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’ **22** “ ‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’”

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“While the religious elite are refusing to accept Jesus’ preaching of the Kingdom (His invitation to the messianic banquet), spiritual outsiders—the poor, sinners, Samaritans and Gentiles—are responding with faith and repentance.”

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Background Commentary**

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Luke 14:23-24

23 “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. **24** I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’ ”

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“Scripture warns the longer we refuse the offer, the more likely we will have a hardness of heart that becomes callous to any word from God.”

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“In the past the command to make them had been used to justify forced conversions to Christianity. This picture part of the parable portrays a persuasive insistence for the outcasts to enter.

It was done in order to overcome their shyness and feelings of unworthiness. God's fervent desire to share salvation with humanity is the reality that corresponds to this part of the picture — not a specific evangelistic technique.”

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“Luke emphasized the divine necessity of evangelism in order to fill up the kingdom as well as the assurance that such efforts would succeed.”

Applications

- **The Kingdom is available to any race, creed, color, language, any physical and economic circumstances**
- **Evangelize, evangelize, evangelize**

Final Thoughts

“Jesus is not calling us to join Him in a labor camp but in a feast-the wedding supper of the Lamb, when God and His beloved church will be joined forever.”

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Final Thoughts

“When he [Jesus] issues an invitation to sit at the table of divine welcome and forgiveness, one should take it.

No claims of proximity to Jesus will help if we have not personally come to the table.”

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Final Thoughts

Revelation 19:6-9

6 Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns. **7** Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.) **9** Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

Final Thoughts

Romans 10:8-10

8 But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:

9 That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.