

The Wedding of King Jesus

Matthew 22:1-14

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Introduction

Several weeks ago, in our sermon series from Matthew, we began chapter 21.

- Here we began to consider what happened when Jesus came into Jerusalem for the last time before His crucifixion...
- You will recall that He received honour as Israel's Messiah from the multitudes as He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.
 - They called Him the Son of David and they shouted their hosannas and they waved their palm branches to welcome Him.

This is precisely what they should have done.

- He was indeed the Messiah who had come to save (remember that Hosanna means "O save"),
 - There was great cause to rejoice because He, Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
 - had come from Heaven to save His people from their sins by His suffering and death on the cross.
 - And now the time had come for Him to be presented to Israel as the Lamb of God, the one who was to be slain as an offering for the remission of their sins.
 - Even though the crowds did not fully understand what He was actually going to do as their Messiah,
 - In God's providence they still gave Him this honour that was His due.
 - Even the twelve disciples, who stood in that crowd, did not yet grasp the real work that Jesus had been given to do for them,
 - but they, and many others in the crowds, were full of rejoicing to know that God had sent Him to be their Messiah who would bless them.

But we also have seen that there were many in Israel, especially among the leaders, who did not join in the rejoicing.

- Though they saw His good works and heard His powerful message,
 - They came to Him, questioning His authority.
- In response to this rejection,
 - Jesus told three parables that directly challenged the Jewish leaders' rejection of Him...

- In the first of these,
 - He compared them to a son who said he would work in his Father's vineyard, but afterward refused...
- In the second parable,
 - He compared them to workers in a vineyard who refused to provide fruit to the owner and eventually killed the owner's son in order to have the vineyard for themselves.
- In the third parable (the one we are looking at today),
 - Jesus compares them to persons invited to a wedding for a king's son who not refuse to come, but who then respond to the king's messengers with violence.

Now as always, I want you all to see how this passage applies to you.

- The scriptures are given to the Church for our admonition and instruction...
 - So from this parable of the wedding feast,
 - First I want you to: **Learn that you are all invited to the marvellous wedding feast of King Jesus.**
 - Secondly I would urge you to: **See that you come to this feast.**
 - And thirdly, I would exhort you to: **Be sure that you wear the proper clothing to this feast.**
- I will take up each of these points in order...
 - So beginning with the first,

I. Learn that you are invited to the marvellous wedding feast of King Jesus.

A. Jesus opens this parable, saying:

- Matthew 22:2-3: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding, but they were not willing to come."
1. It was the custom in those days to send out an invitation first, and then to follow that up with a call...
 - In other words, the guests would be invited and then a later date, when everything was ready, the servants of the one putting on the feast would be sent out to round them up.
 - There was nothing unusual about an invitation followed by a call...

2. But there are three things here that are **highly** unusual...
 - a. First of all, it is highly unusual that those called to a royal wedding would refuse to come!
 - It was a great honour to be invited to such an event.
 - The best food and wine would be served... and that for at least a week.
 - And it is considered a great insult to the host to decline—and who wants to insult a king?
 - b. Second, it is highly unusual that even after such the invited ones refuse,
 - The king sends out his servants to plead with them!
 - Jesus says,
 - v. 4: “Again, He sent out other servants saying, ‘tell those who were invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.’””
 - It was unheard of for a king to respond to a snub with such patience and gentleness and gentleness!
 - Indeed, he makes himself as a beggar, seeking to entice them with the rich food they will enjoy at his feast!
 - This is very striking!

TRANS> But now we come to what is even more unusual, even to the point of absurdity:

- c. The unbelievable response of the invitees to the king’s second invitation!
 - 1) Most of them just go on about their ordinary business as if no invitation to this great banquet as been issued...
 - They make light of the privilege and just go about their farming or the running of their market.
 - It is hard to believe that anyone could be indifferent about a feast like this!
 - They show themselves to be absolute fools—blockheads!
 - You want to shake them—to wake them up to reality!

TRANS> But even more shocking is the response of the second group of invitees...

- 2) In verse 6, we read:
 - “And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.”

- What was their motive?
 - They had received a gracious invitation to a feast from a king, a call, and a surprisingly gracious second call...
 - What possible reason did they have to respond with anger and violence!
 - The story is deliberately unrealistic at this point...
 - No one would respond like this to King's invitation to a wedding feast...
 - As I showed you last week, parables are often unrealistic because they are given to illustrate the unbelievable behaviour of sinners!
3. But the king's response to this is not so surprising...
- a. Jesus says:
- v. 7: "But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murders, and burned up their city."
 - Surely these wicked men were deserving of this penalty!
 - This is what any king would be expected to do!

TRANS> Then we are told of a second action he took...

- b. He sends out his servants to round up others to come to the feast in place of those who had been invited.
- He said to his servants,
 - v. 8-9: "The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore, go into the highways and as many as you find, invite to the wedding."
 - This is not surprising either...
 - Everything was prepared and the king would not have his son to be without proper honour!
 - If the ones invited at first would not come, He will bring others.

TRANS> Now Jesus began this parable by saying that it is like the kingdom of heaven.

B. How is this like the kingdom of heaven?

1. Well first, let me remind you that the kingdom of heaven is the same thing as the kingdom of God...

- Matthew calls it the kingdom of heaven after the manner of the Jews who have scruples about using the name of God...
 - a. But in view is the kingdom in which people live as God's subjects.
 - The book of Matthew teaches us that Jesus came down from heaven to establish God's kingdom in this fallen world...
 - In a world that was not in submission to God and that was under God's wrath and curse.
 - He came to set up a kingdom of righteousness in a place where there was no righteousness.
 - That was His gracious purpose and work.
 - b. In order to make this happen,
 - Jesus had to leave the glories of heaven and come to earth in human flesh... this, though He was the eternal Son of God.
 - And if that were not enough, He also had to make Himself an offering for our sins...
 - You see, God is holy and He cannot have a kingdom of unredeemed sinners.
 - Somehow, their sins have to be washed away...
 - And the only way that could happen was by Jesus coming to earth and making himself an offering for them on the cross.
 - c. When Jesus told this parable, He was preparing to do that very thing in just another day or two!
 - The parable is told in anticipation of His soon to be completed work for the redemption of the world.
2. With this in mind, the parable can be easily interpreted...
- a. The marriage in view was that of Jesus and His bride: the entire church He came to redeem.
 - By His work on the cross, He would reconcile her to God!
 - The wedding feast was to celebrate the fact that Jesus had come to the earth and had made Himself one flesh with His church...
 - taking on her guilt and her debt,
 - knowing full well that in uniting with her, He would be required to pay the full penalty for her sin.

- It was a marriage that would raise His bride who was justly condemned to obtain an everlasting inheritance in His house!
 - It would bring her into full communion with God—
 - such communion as the Son had enjoyed for all eternity.
 - It was a marriage of unspeakable abounding grace!
- b. And so as soon as Jesus finished this work,
- 1) God sent forth His servants to call His people Israel to come and rejoice in Christ and His salvation!
 - God had entrusted His promises and His covenant concerning Christ with them.
 - So Christ came to them first, lived among them, and carried out His work in their midst...
 - And they were the first be called to rejoice in His work after it was completed.
 - They were the first to be invited to the wedding feast...
 - As Paul and Barnabas will later put it when addressing Jews who had rejected the invitation:
 - Acts 13:46, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.
 - 2) The Father continued to call them exclusively to come and rejoice in Christ for seven years as Daniel had prophesied...
 - Three and a half by Christ Himself, and three and half more after His death by His apostles and prophets in the New Testament Church...
 - 3) But Israel did not rejoice...
 - Many of them just went about their regular business like blockheads as if they were entirely unaware that the Messiah from heaven had come to redeem them...
 - And others actually persecuted God's servants, the apostles, who came declaring to them the good news of salvation in Christ's completed work.
- c. And so the Father did two things...just like the parable shows...
- 1) He turned to the Gentiles,
 - which corresponds to going out into the highways to call in others to fill the banqueting hall in the parable...

- 2) And He sent His armies—even the Romans who were sent by His appointment—
 - to burn Jerusalem, the city of the Jews and their leaders who had murdered His servants, which occurred in 70 AD.

TRANS> But notice especially His turning to the Gentiles in order to fill up the banqueting hall for His Son!

- My friends this is where you come into the picture!
- Do you see that?

C. This is why I say that you need to learn from this parable that **you** (every one of you) are invited to come to this royal wedding!

1. You see, the wedding feast of God is not a feast that only continues for one week!

- Oh no!
 - The wedding feast the Father prepared for His Son has been going on for 2000 years now!
 - He is right now in the process of filling up His banqueting hall with people from the nations of the world—
 - We are here assembled today to join in the feast.

2. This wedding feast is nothing other than New Testament worship!

a. As soon as Jesus was raised from the dead, it proved that the Father had fully accepted His sacrifice for our sins.

- And then His servants could go out and say, “All things are ready!”
- As J.C.Ryle put it:
 - the Father is ready to love and receive, the Son is ready to pardon and cleanse, the Spirit is ready to sanctify and renew, angels are ready to rejoice, grace is ready to assist, the Bible is ready to instruct, heaven is ready to be his everlasting home.
- The work is all done!
- Sinners everywhere are invited to come and rejoice in Christ’s finished work at God’s feast.

b. What do we do in New Testament worship?

- We come into the assembly, the church of Jesus Christ...
- We confess our faith in Jesus as the only name given under heaven by which we may be saved...and the name that we are trusting in...
- We sing psalms of praise and thanksgiving to God...

- Through the ministry of the word,
 - We hear his promises proclaimed...
 - We learn of the excellencies of Christ and the work that He has accomplished for our salvation
 - We receive instruction to live a new life of love in His house...
 - We call upon God in prayer to apply the grace of Christ's finished work to us and to give us the benefits of it...
 - We feast at the Lord's Table where we remember His work and receive it through faith...
 - We have God's blessing put upon us when the benediction is pronounced.
- c. Just before Jesus died, He promised that He would gather all His brethren together in the great assembly (the NT Church) to rejoice that God had accepted His saving work for us.
- That is what God calls you to do in New Testament Worship.
 - That is what we do every week according to God's calling.

TRANS> You are invited to come and feast.

- The Lord has commanded His servants to call everyone—both good and bad—to come.
- Therefore, I urge you to...

II. See that you do not fail to come.

- This is the second application of this passage...
- A. We are given the negative example of the blockheads in verse 3 who “made light of the royal invitation and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.”
1. These men are great fools in the parable...
 - a. It is incredible that anyone would refuse an invitation to feast with a gracious king!
 - That they would make light of such a great calling and go on with their ordinary affairs as if the invitation had nothing to do with them!
 - b. But I tell you what is even more shocking and absurd!
 - That any sinner should respond like this to **God's** invitation to rejoice in His Son.

- If it is shocking to suggest that anyone would make light of an invitation to feast with a king...
 - How much more shocking is it to think that anyone destined for Hell would make light of an invitation to rejoice in the One who came from heaven to save them and give them an everlasting inheritance in Heaven!
- c. How could anyone ever be so foolish as this?
- 1) Here, God has made all things ready for their salvation and they consider it a light thing!
 - Here, the King of heaven who alone has power to bless and to curse has given His only Son to redeem them—
 - causing Him to suffer the torments of Hell for them
 - and they make light of it!
 - 2) Yet, this is exactly what the great majority of Israel did...
 - They came to Jesus for healing while He was here, and they enjoyed listening to Him teach...
 - But when they were called join the New Testament Church and be counted as His disciples...
 - When they were called to leave their families and their friends and in some cases lose their positions,
 - they treated it as a very light thing that He had come and done this work of salvation...
 - The man of the city would go on with his business...
 - And the man of the farm would go on with his farm as if it made no difference that Jesus had come.
 - It was this spirit of indifference in Israel that caused the LORD to turn to the Gentiles and call them... to call us!
 - To call both good and bad to come to His feast!
2. But brothers and sisters, now that we have had the gospel among our peoples for a many generations, do we not find the very same attitude?
- a. In Romans 11, Paul warns us that very same kind of pride that caused the Jews to be cut off can also cause the gentiles to be cut off...
 - b. See that this attitude of indifference is not found in any of you!
 - 1) Are you really committed to the worship of God?
 - Is your daily business more important to you than the king's feast?

- Maybe I should put it like this...
 - Which would you give up first, your career or the assembly of God's people?
 - Some hobby or sport, or family worship?
 - Which do you jettison to make way for the other?
- 2) What about your honour in this world?
- If your reputation is damaged for worshipping in a faithful church, will you choose a church that is politically correct?
 - Are your friends or your family more important to you than the proper worship of King Jesus?
 - If so, you make light of the gospel—you count the work of Christ to be trivial...
- 3) How important is the wedding feast to you?
- a) Do you take time to prepare yourself for Lord's Day Worship?
- Do you clean out the leaven of malice and wickedness so that you can eat the feast each week with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth?
 - Do you make sure that you have repented and forsaken all your known sins before you come into His presence?
 - Do you make sure that you are reconciled with your brother before you come to worship Him?
 - Do you meditate on Christ and what He has done so that you will be ready to praise Him in the assembly?
 - You know how you anticipate and meditate on other events that important to you—how you dream and plan and prepare—
 - but do you do that for the feast of Christ?
 - Do you plan your week so that you can get adequate rest in order to be at your best on the Lord's Day?
- b) What about while you are in worship?
- Do you allow you mind to go off to your new computer game or to the book you are reading?
 - Do you stand in God's courts with His praise on your tongue while sorting out some project in school or in your home?
 - Do you dream about a promotion at work when the church is lifting up prayers of thanksgiving for the bread and wine?

TRANS> What foolish, worldly beings we are!

- We are called to feast in honour of our Saviour and we can't even give ourselves to the work for one hour!
 - And look at our society!
 - Most of the members of our society had been invited to the feast and they don't even bother to come!
 - Some of them claim that their faith is personal and they do not need an assembly—
 - but the king did not call the people to feel good about His Son in their hearts at home...
 - He calls them to come together in the assembly where He, by His servants, declares the gospel to them and leads them in praises of thanksgiving.
 - Do not make light of what God makes much of...
 - Do not make light of what is not at all light...
 - There is nothing more worthy of your attention than the finished work of Jesus Christ!

TRANS> See that you do not fail to come to the feast. See that you do not make light of it...

B. But consider that there were some among the Jews who did even worse...

1. There were some who were enraged that anyone should call them to honour Christ!
 - a. These were the religious ones!
 - They were the ones who were full of God talk and who were never too busy for religious assemblies...
 - They were the leaders among the people who claimed to belong to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!
 - They were the ones who claimed to follow Moses!
 - b. But they treated any feast to honour God's Son a positively destructive thing...
 - They did not make light of it or ignore it as those worldly Jews did...
 - They saw it as something that must be stopped—whatever it took.
 - They were even willing to murder apostles to make it stop—
 - They would kill the Son rather than have anyone honour Him!
2. There are such men today and they are found in pulpits all over North America.

- Only today they speak well of Jesus the same way the Jewish leaders of Jesus day spoke well of Moses and Abraham.
 - a. There are those like Robert Schuler who openly profess that they are not going to talk about any of that negative stuff like human sin because they want people to be attracted to Jesus...
 - He wants to build up people's self esteem, and though he speaks of Christ, it is not the Christ that God sent from heaven, but the Christ he has made up in his own head...
 - I have heard him respond with disdain to the real gospel of God's Son.
 - To him, it is a great evil that has caused great destruction and division in the church.
 - b. There are those like Bishop Spong who see a blood atonement by the Son of God as something unworthy of God...
 - He will lead worship in his own way and in accordance with his own ideas, but he will not rejoice in the blood of God's Son that turns away the wrath of God for fallen sinners...
 - He considers that to be a dangerous message.
 - The feast that God has appointed in which the finished work of His Son is the source of rejoicing is a feast he wants to terminate.
 - c. There are those in Christian church pulpits who consider the doctrine that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life to be utterly contemptible...
 - To say that there is no salvation apart from Him is to them a display of arrogance, ignorance, and bigotry...
 - They utterly reject the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as God's Son and hold that there are many other ways of salvation and acceptance with God...
 - When they see rejoicing in Christ as the only Saviour, they do all they can to stop it.
3. I tell you that I do not want to be found with such men on the day of God's wrath!
- a. Jesus says that the King of heaven is furious with such men!
 - They have slandered, opposed, and even murdered God's faithful servants!
 - They have themselves stood as God's representatives in opposition to God's Son.
 - b. There is nothing more dreadful than to have the LORD of heaven furious with you!

- Jesus illustrates how God sent out his armies to destroy those murders and to burn their city!
 - They will themselves be brought to the lowest Hell and will entirely lose the little empires they have build in this world.
 - You cannot oppose Christ with impunity.
- c. My friends, you need to see how great the wrath of God is against such false religious teachers...
- God loves His Son and honours His Son for His Son's willing sacrifice...
 - To have those who represent Him oppose the true worship of Christ,
 - and to oppose it in the very name of God,
 - is to invite upon oneself a more terrible judgement than we can conceive.
 - You need to hate such wicked perpetrators of lies who take God's holy name in vain and oppose His Christ...
 - With David you need to say,
 - "Do not I hate them that hate you? Yes, I hate them with a perfect hatred."
 - It is not for you to follow those who teach lies, but to oppose them.

TRANS> So you see that Gentiles are not much different than the Jews were when Christ came.

- But I am urging you to be sure that **you** are different...
 - You need to be sure that you go to a Christian Church where the feast to Jesus Christ is kept in spirit and truth...
 - not in name, for there are many who name Him,
 - but where the Christ who is revealed in Scripture is honoured and worshipped...
 - God has not provided all things in some other Christ that we make up in our own heads or modify to suit our own taste...
 - He has provided salvation in the one and only Christ He sent from heaven who died on the cross and rose again...
 - It is to His feast that I urge you come!

C. I want you to see that when the way was opened up to the Gentiles, they did come!

1. God would have opened the way for the Gentiles even if the Jews had come, but when they didn't, He opened the way in opposition to the Jews...

- How they have flooded into the church from all over the world!
 - They have come from the east and the west, from the rich and the poor...
 - And they have found Christ to be very precious indeed!
 - They are the true circumcision who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh...
 - They have found the full and free forgiveness of sins in Christ, they have found new life in Him and fellowship with living God...
 - In Him, they have the hope of an everlasting inheritance in God's house...
 - And so it is today that Gentiles all over the world are feasting upon the gospel of the Lord Jesus.
 - As the parable says, God's banqueting hall is full.
2. See the great love of God who will not have His Son without worshippers!
- a. He will gather in a great multitude that no man can number to worship Him!
 - 1) He does this because He delights in His Son and is pleased with Him...
 - 2) And He does this because He loves sinners.
 - He delights in pouring out His bounty on you who thus come to feast in His house...
 - He will bless you with grace that exceeds your highest expectations!
 - b. From this learn that you need not hesitate to come to Him...
 - He is truly good and gracious...
 - You will not be disappointed, but joyfully satisfied if you come to His feast...
 - And so I urge you to come!
- And so this morning (thus far) I have shown you that you are invited to this great feast and I have urged you to come to this feast in truth...
- But now I want to warn you to...

III. Be sure that you wear the proper clothing when you come.

- A. In the last part of this parable, Jesus tells about a man that came to the King's feast without a proper wedding garment!
1. In the parable, the king comes out to see His guests and He spots this man...
 - a. He comes up to him and he says:
 - v. 12: "Friend, who did you come in here without a wedding garment?"

- b. We are told that the man was speechless—
 - The word in the original literally means that he was muzzled—he had no excuse whatsoever...
 - c. Our Lord tells us that the king therefore says to his servants:
 - v. 13: “Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”
2. Now you might wonder why this man was treated so harshly!
- a. He was called in from the street at the last minute...
 - How could he be expected to have a garment that was suitable to wear to the wedding of the king’s son?
 - How could he afford to buy such a garment when he may not have even owned a change of clothes?
 - b. We need to understand that it was sometimes the case that those who came into the presence of a great king were provided with suitable clothing...
 - Such clothing was sometimes provided as a gift to those who attended a royal wedding as part of the bounty of the king.
 - For example, when Joseph had his brothers come to eat with him we are told that:
 - Gen 45:22: “He gave to all of them, to each man, changes of garments; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver and five changes of garments.”
 - You can be pretty certain that he gave them these clothes to wear to the banquet!
 - c. This explains why the man was silent when he was asked why he did not have a proper wedding garment!
 - He could not say that such a garment was not available to him.
 - Such garments had been provided for all the guests, but this man had refused to put his on...
 - He apparently thought his own garment was good enough!
 - Clearly, it was not!

TRANS> Jesus tells us what He is illustrating in this part of the parable...

B. He is illustrating the fact that “Many are called but few are chosen.”

- 1. What this means is that there are many who are called to rejoice in God’s Son who come into the church but who are not genuinely converted.

- a. They actually come to the feast and eat the spiritual food and drink the spiritual drink...
 - but with many of them, God is not pleased...
 - They hear the word of God preached,
 - they join in the worship and God,
 - they confess the truth of God,
 - they eat the Lord's Supper,
 - they lift up their prayers to God...
 - They are actually numbered with God's saints and called Christians, but they have never put on Christ.

- b. They are not chosen in Christ...
 - They are not one flesh with Him.
 - They do not truly believe on Him for everlasting life...
 - They are there in His worship, but they have never truly been clothed with the garments of salvation.

- 2. My friends, learn from this that you must put on the Lord Jesus Christ!
 - a. In Isaiah 61:10, these clothes are spoken of by the redeemed:
 - Isa 61:10: "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments, And as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels."
 - The New Testament exhorts us to put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

 - b. This is what the feast is all about!
 - 1) We are celebrating the fact that Christ has married His elect bride, the Church...
 - He has married her and so become one flesh with her...
 - And in doing so, He has, as I pointed out earlier, taken responsibility for all that is wrong with her...
 - He has taken her sin debt that demands the penalty of Hell and has paid it all out of His own account...
 - And He has promised to sanctify her and make her holy so that He might present her to His Father without spot or blemish.

 - 2) But if you are without a wedding garment in His worship,
 - It means that you do not have true union with Him...

- Yes, you are there in the church, but you are supposing that your own garments are sufficient.
 - You are missing the whole point of what is being celebrated in the great feast each Lord's Day!
 - The question is very appropriate—
 - “How did you come in here without a wedding garment?”
 - What is the deal?
 - Did you honestly think that you could come to the church whose sole purpose is to rejoice in the saving work of Christ without that saving work applied to your own person?
 - Did you think Christ just died for no real reason?
 - Did you think that you could stand before God without clothing yourself with Him—
 - without coming under His wing of protection?
 - without having Him to wash you and cover all your sins through His sacrifice?
 - Did you think you could just come before a holy God as you are—
 - without relying upon His gracious work?
- 3) Oh my friends, there are many in the church who think that way!
- a) They are here in the church where the whole purpose is to rejoice in the saving work of Christ and they have never looked to Him for their own salvation.
 - What kind of pride is it to suppose that you can stand in the place of those rejoicing in the saving work of the Messiah without that saving work?
 - b) You ask them and they will tell you about their good works or their good intentions or their regularity in worship...
 - They may even tell you what a good person Jesus Christ is and perhaps even that He is the Son of God...
 - But they will not tell you that He is their righteousness.
- c. Be sure that this is not your condition...
- 1) Be sure that you have put on the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 2) If you have come so near to God, daring to think that your own righteousness is good enough,

- you will be cast out just like the man in the parable...
- You are called and not chosen...
- You will be consigned to the place of outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth
 - because you dared to come before God in your own righteousness to the very feast that was all about celebrating the righteousness that Jesus Christ provides for His bride through faith!

Conclusion...

Yes, my friends, you are all invited to the wedding feast of King Jesus... not a one of you is excluded...good or bad...

- I would urge every one of you to come and join those who are assembled together to worship Him...
- but God forbid that any of you should come to the house of rejoicing without clothing yourself with the garments of salvation that He provides...
 - That is what all the rejoicing is about!

What a great God we have!

- He will have a house full of those who rejoice in His Son.
 - Be sure that you are among them, clothed with the righteousness He has acquired for you through His Son.