

THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

A Study of the Parables of Jesus

THE KING'S INVITATION

Matthew 22:1-14

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The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king, who gave a wedding feast for his son. Matthew 22:2

How have you responded to the greatest invitation ever given?

1. Some people respond apathetically to the King.

But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business ... Matthew 22:5

A. They are too busy for the King..

You shall have no other gods before Me. Exodus 20:2

B. They are too disinterested in the King.

2. Some people respond angrily to the King.

... and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them. Matthew 22:6

A. They don't want to hear the message.

"You must not prophesy to us what is right, speak to us pleasant words, prophesy illusions ... Let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah 30:10-11

B. They don't want others to hear the message.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! Matthew 23:37

But the king was enraged and sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and set their city on fire. Matthew 22:7

3. Some people respond conditionally to the King.

A. They don't put on His robe of righteousness.

He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness. Isaiah 61:10

B. They try to come in their own righteousness.

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we proudly display our righteous deeds, we find they are but filthy rags. Isaiah 64:6 NLT

4. Some people respond wholeheartedly to the King.

And those slaves went out into the streets, and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests. Matthew 22:10

A. They come in humble amazement.

B. They come just as they are.

C. They come to an incredible feast.

What God has planned for people who love Him is more than eyes have seen or ears have heard. It has never even entered our minds! 1 Corinthians 2:9 CEV

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

How have you responded to the King's invitation?