

# The Wedding Banquet | The Parables

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## Lessons from this parable:

Jesus used the familiar setting of a wedding banquet to teach about the kingdom of heaven.

### The Guests

- ◇ These invited guests were the Israelites.
- ◇ God gave an open invitation to his covenant people, the Jews, to receive the Messiah, but they refused.
- ◇ The king graciously sent his servants out to the street corners and to the outer reaches, to invite ANYONE to his son's wedding feast.
- ◇ The second set of guests represent the Gentiles.

### The Garments

- ◇ The garment fulfills the condition for entry into the banquet, so by comparison it fulfills the condition for entry into the kingdom.
- ◇ Jesus' sacrifice on the cross fulfills the condition for entry into God's Kingdom.

### The Grief

- ◇ The guest was thrown outside into "darkness" which refers to as a place of separation from God's presence.
- ◇ The phrase "weeping and gnashing of teeth" is a reference to the grief experienced when people are separated from the presence of God.

## SCRIPTURES

Matthew 22:1-14  
 Matthew 3:1-27  
 Matthew 4:25  
 Matthew 7:28-29  
 Matthew 9:2  
 Matthew 12  
 Matthew 15:7  
 Matthew 21:23-27

## QUOTE

"Have you accepted your garment of righteousness? The king's invitation is still OPEN and I invite You to accept it today, and get dressed in Jesus' righteousness."

KNOW