

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for June 21, 1987**

**The Great Invitation
Matthew 22:1-14
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Verse 1, and Jesus answered. Jesus is still responding to the challenge of His authority.

Verse 2, “Kingdom of Heaven” is where God rules.

The “wedding feast” was a seven-day or longer extravaganza.

Verse 3, slaves are sent to call those who were invited but they are unwilling to come.

Verse 4, the King again sends the slaves with the message to come to the great feast that everything is prepared.

Verse 5, indifference-type attitude, “They have other things to do.”

Verse 6, aggressive, rebellious attitude. Who does this parable depict?

King = God

Son = Jesus

Those invited = Israel

Verse 7, the rejectors are punished. There is a limit to God’s patience.

Verse 8, those invited were not worthy. They are unworthy because they rejected the invitation.

The judgment of this parable is literally carried out in 70 A.D. when Titus brings in the Roman legions and levels Jerusalem, burns it to the ground and 1,100,000 Jews are killed.

Verse 9, the invitation is extended to all. The invitation to come is given to the evil and the good.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11, everyone who is called must come on the Lord’s terms (repent and surrender).

Does everyone who responds to the invitation enjoy the feast? No

One not dressed in wedding clothes is cast out. He did not come on the Kings terms.

Isaiah 61:10, the wedding garments.

Revelation 7:9-17, the robes washed in the blood of the Lamb.

The role of righteousness must be put on to attend the feast.