



God's Great Invitation
Text: Matthew 22:1-14
Series: Parables, #1
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Theme: **The chosen respond to God's gracious invitation.**

What is a parable?

Jesus' message to Israel.

1. God had repeatedly invited them. (2-4)
2. They had repeatedly refused. (2-6)
3. Judgment was coming. (7)
4. God's invitation will go to others. (8-10)

Jesus' message to all today.

1. God's grace is great. (2-4)
2. God provides the means of entrance. (11-12)
3. God rejects all other attempts to entrance. (11-13)
4. God's chosen choose Him. (14)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read the parable, Matthew 22:1-14, with the nation of Israel in view. Walk through the four points in the outline. First, try to think of this truth from the perspective of the Jewish people of that day. Then, what does it mean for the Jewish people since that day?

Tuesday. Read the parable, 22:1-14, with the whole world in view. Review the point and any notes on “God’s grace is great.” Put in this in personal terms—“this is how God relates to me.” Then apply this to others—family and friends to be sure, but also to strangers and even the most *undesirable*.

Wednesday. After you read the parable, move on to points 2 and 3 on the means of entrance to the kingdom of God, or being a *chosen one*. These are bedrock solid truths upon which God allows no *wiggle room*. What do these truths say to you, where you are spiritually? to those you know and care about?

Thursday. The last point we looked at on Sunday was that “God’s chosen choose Him.” As stated then, at this point do not be sidetracked on trying to understand the details of God’s sovereignty and our freedom/responsibility go together—they do. Focus on what you and others can do—choose Jesus.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to think about “Am I A Good Neighbor?” In preparation for our time together read through Luke 10:25-37.