

# The Gospel of Heaven's Kingdom

Matthew 22:1-14

## Introduction:

● Guess who said the following words:

1. *Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.*
2. *One small step for a man. One giant leap for mankind.*
3. *Give me liberty or give me death.*
4. *I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."*
5. *Many are called, but few are chosen.*

● The last quote was the conclusion of a parable Jesus told relating to the kingdom of h\_\_\_\_\_

1. The kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God are the s\_\_\_\_\_ (compare Mk 1:15 with Matt 3:2)
  - a. Jesus (God in the flesh) reigns as k\_\_\_\_\_ over His Father's kingdom (Jn 18:36)
  - b. When God saves a person He saves them from the kingdom that they are in, the kingdom of d\_\_\_\_\_, and transfers them into Christ's kingdom (Col 2:13).
2. The parable is about the g\_\_\_\_\_, the good news of God's kingdom.

● The parable reveals three "players", each having their own responsibility in relationship to the gospel message.

1. Let us take our responsibility serious by fulfilling it.
2. Let us not try to take responsibility that is not ours.

## The believer's responsibility – to r\_\_\_\_\_ out with the gospel

● The picture of the parable (verses 1-4, 8-10)

1. The king represents \_\_\_\_\_ and the king's son represents J\_\_\_\_\_
2. The s\_\_\_\_\_ represent believers (1Pet 2:16)
3. The call to come to the wedding feast represents the g\_\_\_\_\_

● Believers are responsible to share the gospel message

1. With all those a\_\_\_\_\_ us where there is opportunity (there may be greater opportunity now because of covid-19).

2. With all those b\_\_\_\_\_ us by cooperating in fulfilling the Great Commission.
3. Jesus promised that He will r\_\_\_\_\_ when the gospel is preached to all ethnic groups (Matt 24:14).

### **The hearer's responsibility – to r\_\_\_\_\_ to the gospel**

- The picture of the parable (verses 5, 6, 10)
  1. The first invite corresponds to the gospel call to the J\_\_\_\_\_ people (mostly rejected the gospel in different ways)
  2. The second invite corresponds to the gospel call to the G\_\_\_\_\_ regardless of their morality (both good and evil – v.10). – the responses varied.
- Sometimes believers try to “push” people into believing
  1. Use a s\_\_\_\_\_ approach.
  2. This creates f\_\_\_\_\_ conversions.
- Only the hearer is responsible for his or her response.

### **God's responsibility – the r\_\_\_\_\_**

- The picture of the parable (verses 7, 11-14)
  1. The wedding clothes represents what God's clothes us with, Christ's r\_\_\_\_\_ (2Cor 5:21).
  2. The outer darkness represents e\_\_\_\_\_ separation from God.
  3. Many are called refers to the many people who hear the g\_\_\_\_\_ announced by believers.
  4. Few are chosen refers to God's c\_\_\_\_\_ of saving a person from their sins.
- God has chosen
  1. To save people only in C\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12)
  2. To save people from e\_\_\_\_\_ tribe, tongue, nation, and class (Rev 5:9,10)
  3. A person cannot come to Christ on their own. It requires a supernatural act of the F\_\_\_\_\_ (Is 53:6; Jn 6:44)
  4. Everyone whom the Father draws will c\_\_\_\_\_ to Christ in faith (Jn 6:44; 6:37)
  5. The chosen few will add up to a number that cannot be c\_\_\_\_\_ (Rev 7:9)
- Since salvation is God's choice, we need to leave the r\_\_\_\_\_ of our witnessing up to Him.

*Let us not be ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. – Rom 1:16*