

THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER

Luke 14:15-24

V: 15 (A) Just another of those empty ritualistic sayings that the Pharisees and the doctors of the law was so good at making. Luke 3:8, John 8:33 & 39

(B) This man was at the Messianic banquet and didn't know it. Mark 1:14-15

V: 16 (A) *A certain man* is obviously GOD. This is what GOD is like!

(B) *Bade many* – bade is kal-eh-o in the Greek; to bid and call or call forth. RSVP –

That they had already accepted is implied. Exodus 24:7, Deuteronomy 26:16 and

Joshua 1:16-17

V: 17 (A) A clear claim by JESUS to be the MESSIAH, the suffering servant of GOD.

Isaiah 42:1-7, Isaiah 49:1-12, Isaiah 50:1-11, Isaiah 52:13-53:12.

(B) Devine preparation – *Come, for all things are now ready!* Psalms 23:5. 31:19 and

Isaiah 64:4-7

V: 18 (A) *Began to make excuse*. They refused the clear call of GOD through HIS servant,

The MESSIAH. Deuteronomy 30:15. Psalms 81:11, Isaiah 65:12, Jeremiah 7:13

and Hosea 9:17. *Come* – Isaiah 53:1

(B) *I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it*. Ridiculous – who was rich enough to buy unseen ground?

V: 19 *I have bought five yoke of oxen and I go to prove them*. Ten oxen was great wealth – another silly excuse. A servant would prove them, not the rich owner!

- V: 20 *I have married a wife, I cannot come.* A legal excuse according to: Deuteronomy 24:5. However, he had accepted the invitation! He could have brought his wife ... he just didn't want to come!
- V: 21 (A) *The servant came and showed his LORD these things.* Daniel 7:13-14:
(B) *Go out . . . go ye into all the world.* Mark 16:15A
(C) *bring in . . . the poor and the maimed and the halt and the blind.* And preach the Gospel unto every creature. Mark 16:15B
- V: 22 There is always room for another. John 14:1-2
- V: 23 *Compel* – GOD is quite serious that HIS table in the Great Supper be filled – full! *Compel* is from the Greek word *an-ang-kad-zo*, *to necessitate*, by implication distress – distress, must needs, of necessity – bend an arm – twist their arm - (ache).
- V: 24 (A) BEHOLD the graciousness and severity of GOD!
(B) Come to the Banquet for the Messianic Age is now! The Kingdom of GOD came 2,000 years ago. Mark 9:1 and Acts 2:1-47.
(C) True Christians are eating bread in the Kingdom of GOD every LORD'S day! John 6:48-58, Matthew 26:26-30, Acts 2:42, 20:7 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26