

THE HEALING OF THE MAN WITH DROPSEY &

THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER Luke 14:1-24

Luke 14:1 And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.

This was not a celebration but rather it was a clever way to evaluate the Lord. Notice the scripture says: they watched Him.

The Jews pictured the coming age of the Messiah as a joyous banquet.

Psalm 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

The day before Jesus had said cf:

Luke 13:29 And they shall come from the east, and *from* the west, and from the north, and *from* the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

Luke 14:2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.

Dropsey was a terrible de-abilating disease in which the legs swell and fill with fluid.

Luke 14:3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?

Healing was looked upon as a work by these lawyers so now we have: A question of Law for these Doctors of the Law, from the great Law Giver Himself. Jesus had already taught them He was Lord of the Sabbath cf:

Mark 2:23-28 And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn. **2:24** And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold,

why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful? 2:25 And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him? 2:26 How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him? 2:27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: 2:28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Luke 14:4 And they held their peace. And he took *him*, and healed him, and let him go;

The Old Testament Prophets had pictured the Messiah when He comes in the future as being able to heal all manner of disease. Isaiah writing from about 750 to 700 BC says: cf:

Isaiah 35:3-10 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. 35:4 Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you. 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 35:6 Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. 35:7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes. 35:8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*. 35:9 No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*: 35:10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Luke 14:5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?

Luke 14:6 And they could not answer him again to these things.

They wanted to answer Him but they could not. As the poet said: When you are thought of as an idiot it is sometimes better to keep your mouth shut, than to open it before all and remove all doubt.

Luke 14:7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them,

Now Jesus is going to teach some social graces.

Luke 14:8 When thou art bidden of any *man* to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;

Luke 14:9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

Luke 14:10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship (praise) in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

Luke 14:11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

I Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Luke 14:12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy

kinsmen, nor *thy* rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.

This is how to lay up a 401 K in heaven.

Luke 14:13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

Luke 14:14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

Psalm 41:1-4 A Psalm of David. Blessed [*is*] he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. 2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; [*and*] he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. 3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness. 4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

Luke 14:15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed *is* he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

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 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

John 8:33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

(B) This man was at the Messianic banquet and did not know it. Mark 1:14-15 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 1:15 And saying,

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Luke 14:16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

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 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

Joshua 1:16-17 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go. 1:17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.

Luke 14:17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

V: 17 (A) A clear claim by JESUS to be God's Servant the Messiah foretold by the prophets cf:

Isaiah 42:1-7 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. 42:2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. 42:3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. 42:4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. 42:5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and

spirit to them that walk therein: 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; 42:7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

(B) Devine preparation *Come, for all things are now ready!*

Isaiah 55: 1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Psalms 31:19 *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

Isaiah 64:4-7 For since the beginning of the world *men* have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, *what* he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

Luke 14:17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

Luke 14:18 And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

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

Psalms 81:11-12 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. 81:12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: *and* they walked in their own counsels.

Isaiah 65:12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose *that* wherein I delighted not.

Jeremiah 7:13-14 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not; **7:14** Therefore will I do unto *this* house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

Isaiah 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

Isaiah 53:8-11 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. **9** And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither [*was any*] deceit in his mouth. **10** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put [*him*] to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see [*his*] seed, he shall prolong [*his*] days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. **11** He shall see of the travail of his soul, [*and*] shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

(B) I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it. Ridiculous who was so foolish to buy ground sight un-seen?

Luke 14:19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

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 have proved them, not the rich owner!

Luke 14:20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

V: 20 *I have married a wife, I cannot come. A legal excuse according to cf:*

Deuteronomy 24:5 When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: *but* he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

However, he had accepted the invitation! He could have brought his wife he just did not want to come!

Luke 14:21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

V: 21 (A) *The servant came and showed his LORD these things.*

Daniel 7:13-14 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

(B) *Go out . . . go ye into the streets and lanes of the city.*

Mark 16:15A And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world ...

(C) *bring in . . . the poor and the maimed and the halt and the blind.*

Mark 16:15B and preach the gospel to every creature.

Luke 14:22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

V: 22 There is always room for another.

John 14:1-2 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Luke 14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.

V: 23 *Compel*, GOD is quite serious that HIS table in the Great Supper be filled - absolutely full! *Compel* is from the Greek word an-ang-kad-zo, *to necessitate*, by implication, distress, must needs, of necessity, bend an arm, twist their arm - (ache) until it aches.

Luke 14:24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

(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 he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 2:1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 2:3 And there appeared unto them

cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:37-39 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

(C) True Christians are eating bread in the Kingdom of GOD every First Day of the Week as the early Church did cf:

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 2: 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 20:7 And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

Sources: KJV Bible, Clark's, B.W. Johnson's and Coffman's Commentaries.