

Good News of Salvation in the Saviour’s Parables

This week – We continue our series of lessons based on some Parables of the Lord Jesus Christ.

They all with one accord began to make excuse. Luke 14v18.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Luke 14v16-24 (They refused God’s kind invitation)	
Monday	Matthew 22v1-14 (Many reject the King’s invitation)	
Tuesday	Ruth 1v1-22 (Ruth puts God first)	
Wednesday	Ruth 2v1-23 (Boaz shows kindness to Ruth)	
Thursday	Ruth 3v1-23 (Boaz invites Ruth to be his wife)	
Friday	Ruth 4v1-23 (Ruth knows that it is God’s will)	
Saturday	Revelation 19v1-21 (Marriage Super of The Lamb)	

Important Thought for us Today: Christ’s love to undeserving sinners is shown in this Parable of The Banquet. The Banquet pictures Heaven and all, despite our sin, are invited by God to enter - yet most refuse. Only those who see they are sinners and have repented, accepting Christ as their Saviour, will be forgiven, and clothed in Christ’s righteousness and so partake of the joy of Heaven.

The historical book of Ruth also pictures God’s love to sinners. Ruth, a Gentile from Moab, married a Jew. Sadly, both her father-in-law and her husband died, leaving herself and her mother-in-law (Naomi) destitute. They needed a male relative (**a kinsman**) to marry one of them so that their inheritance could be restored to them (redeemed). They needed a ‘kinsman redeemer’. Boaz, in his love and kindness, became their **‘kinsman redeemer’** by marrying Ruth. From being a destitute Gentile, she became part of the Jewish royal line - King David was her great-grandson, and part of the family line of Jesus Christ (**Matthew 1v5**). This pictures how Christ is our **‘kinsman redeemer’**; buying us back from our lost sinful position, so that we might be invited to the **‘Marriage Supper of The Lamb’**, (see Rev 19v9).

All who reject God’s gracious Gospel Call will be judged for their rebellious and ungrateful attitude. All who accept God’s call are invited to the Marriage Supper, to be blessed now and for eternity.

Hymn 355 - speaks of God’s gracious invitation to come to Him - the banquet is in Heaven:

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| <p>1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with power;
He is able,
He is willing; doubt no more.</p> | <p>3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and ruined by the fall;
If you wait until you’re better,
You will never come at all:
Not the righteous,
Sinners Jesus came to call.</p> |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The Grand Banquet.

- **The Lord’s Gracious Invitation.**
 - **The Wealthy Man** – A picture of God’s loving care - He invites us to come.
 - **The Banquet** – God’s provision of Eternal Heaven for all saved sinners.
 - **Who is Invited?** – All people are invited - regardless of their status and sin.
- **The Response - Silly Excuses Are Given - Not Genuine Reasons.**
 - **An Invitation Snubbed** – These people did not want to attend.
 - **‘I have bought land; I must go and look at it.’** A feeble, insincere, excuse. Surely, he had already seen it, and did not need to see it again right now.
 - **‘I have bought 5 yoke of oxen; I must try them out.’** A very foolish excuse. Surely this was not important and could wait until after the banquet.
 - **‘I have married a wife.’** Surely the wife would have been welcome too.
- **The Lord Graciously Invites Those Who Are Unworthy To Come.**
 - Others, out in the streets were invited and came, as did those in the byways.
 - These had no right to attend. They had filthy garments, unfit for a banquet, Yet, God graciously invited them and would provide clean clothes.
- **A Wonderful and Gracious Invitation Offered By God to Each of Us.**
 - Every week we are invited to **‘Come to Jesus Christ** in repentance and faith’, by none other than **The King of Kings, and Lord of Lord’s**, our Creator God.
 - This is God’s Banquet, prepared for us to attend and enjoy – but without sin.
 - Response to the invitation starts with us accepting Christ’s death on Calvary to save us, that we are sinners undeserving of God’s mercy and forgiveness.
 - God removes our ugly rags of sin, providing Christ’s ‘Robe of Righteousness’.
- **Are We Making Foolish Objections, Refusing God’s Kind Invitation?**
 - **‘But God Allows War, Suffering, and Death’** – But it is sin that causes these.
 - **‘Scientists have proved God does not exist.’** – Science cannot disprove God.
 - **‘Too Busy’** - with Possessions, Work, Career, Family, and Worldly Pleasures.
 - **‘Too Selfish, and Too Proud’** – Not interested in spiritual things or eternity.
 - **‘Later’** – **‘When I am older, I want to enjoy sin in this world for a season.’**
- **Will We Accept God’s Invitation or Reject It?**
 - Rejecting the invitation in this life will result in Eternal exclusion from the Marriage Supper in Heaven. Only trusting in Jesus Christ as our Saviour is acceptable to God.
 - We need to come now, today - on God’s terms to know His everlasting care.

The Lord Jesus said, “He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath One that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”
Luke 19v10.