



Parable of the Wedding Feast Matthew 22:1-14

- 1) What the parable says **about God**
 - a) Prepares blessings to be enjoyed by His people
 - b) Patiently waits for folks to respond to Him
 - c) Has made all the preparations Himself; man brings nothing
 - d) Judges those who are invited but who reject Him
 - e) Is intensely angered by those who spurn His Son (as we would be!)
 - f) His mercies do indeed come to an end for some
 - g) Will not tolerate those who attempt to live by their own rules
 - h) Condemns to outer darkness those who will not submit to Him
- 2) What the parable says **about man**
 - a) Is counted "worthy" to receive an invitation from God
 - i) Many would rather work or play than respond
 - ii) Others actively persecute God's messengers
 - iii) Some answer the invitation but do as they please, not as God demands
 - iv) Some come for the free food!
 - b) Rebels against God for no good reason (12)
 - c) Is accountable to God after hearing gospel (cf. Matt 11:21; Luke 10:13)
- 3) Exhortation to Christians
 - a) Don't just hear the gospel, heed it
 - b) Preach the gospel, inviting all to the future feast of God
 - c) Invite both evil and good. God saves both
 - d) Leave salvation to God; it is He who chooses, not us