

MATTHEW

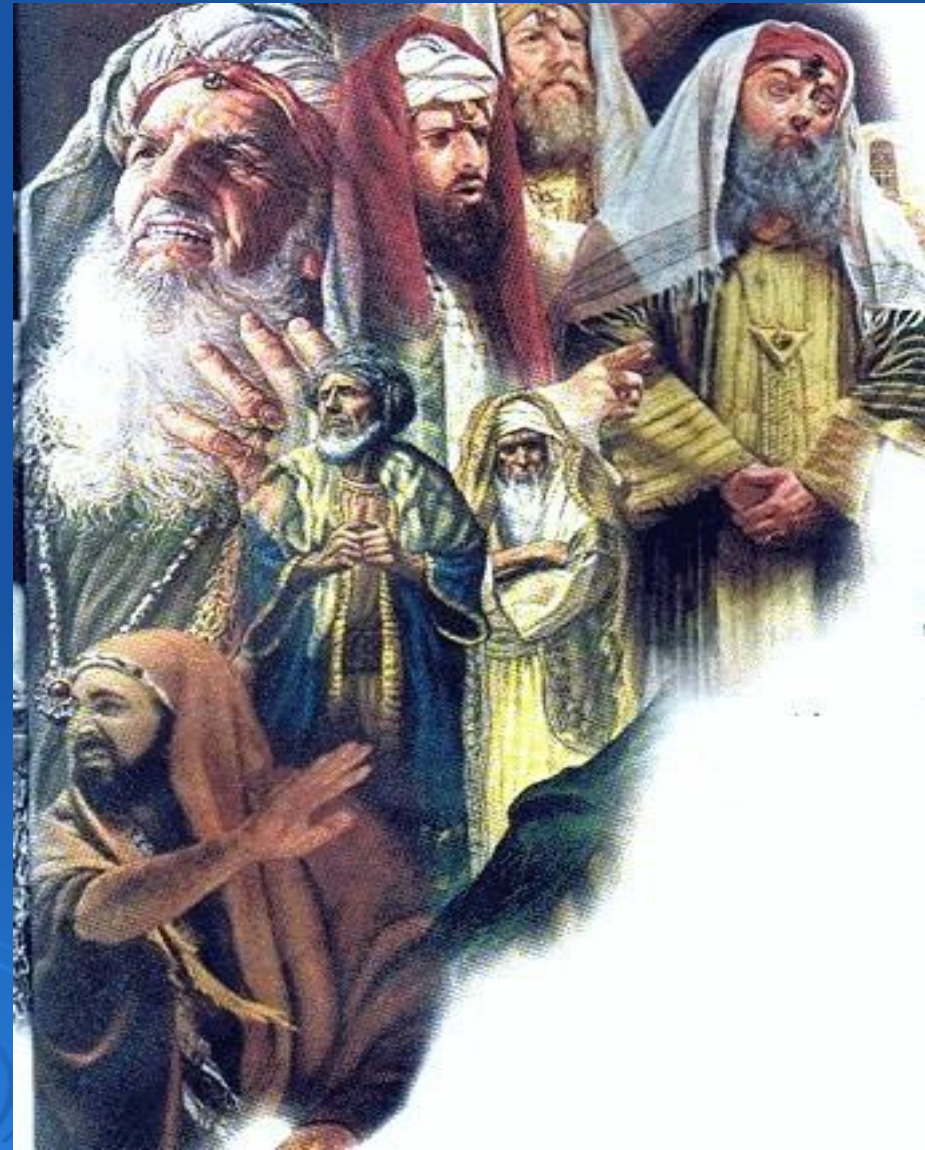
CHAPTER 22

- A Parable is a fictional story with ONE moral
- Parables meant to be heard, remembered, passed along
- Details of a Parable can be distracting because they are intended in their 1st century Jewish cultural context
- Most of His illustrations and sayings were already in use in some form



THE BATTLE CONTINUES

- There is no break between chapters 21 & 22
- “Them” means the Chief Priests and the Pharisees
- Jesus is criticizing those religious leaders before Him, not every Jewish religious leader
- Not a diatribe against all Jewish leadership or against all Jewish people
- The issue is that these particular leaders are misleading the people who take the leaders’ words as true



PARABLE OF THE WEDDING BANQUET



- *“The Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to...”*
- The wedding of a king’s son adds much gravity to the event
- It was a societal obligation to attend a wedding if invited
- The Parable is linked with Proverbs 9
- Wisdom in Oriental culture was an entity, a person



THE
LUKE 14
B A N Q U E T

- Parable on Shabbat, at Pharisees house, on the road to Jerusalem
- The Luke Parable has a similar core truth as the Matthew 22 Parable, but has major differences
- Yeshua wouldn't have told the same or similar Parable only one time and then never again!
- Luke 14 Parable ought not be pitted against Matthew 22 Parable for which is most accurate, because they were told at different times to different audiences

Praising and worshipping God...

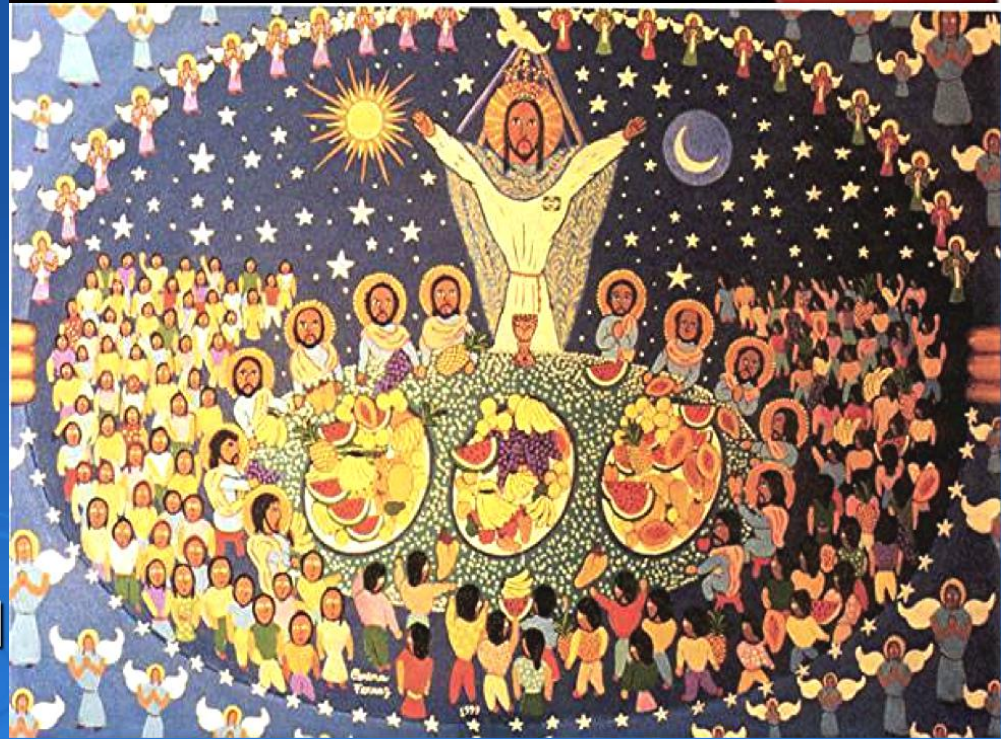
TOGETHER!



- The banquet is prepared, servants are sent out to summon the guests to come
- The guests refuse to come!
- Various excuses are made, some of the guests even murder the servant messengers
- Followers of God and His Son are obligated to obey, worship and glorify Him, and gather together to do it
- Our gathering together in worship acknowledges God as our priority

CLAIMING BELIEF IS NOT ENOUGH

- We can't have it both ways; obedience to His Ways shows our allegiance to Him
- The Church says:
- The King is God, the son is Christ, banquet is the Rev. 19 Wedding of the Lamb
- Jews are the guests that didn't come, gentile Christians replace them
- This is a far later Church doctrine, not what is intended



NEW GUESTS



- Although some teaching allegories taken from this Parable are good, it doesn't mean they are the point of the Parable!
- King sends his soldiers to take retribution on those guests who murdered his servants
- Invited ones = wealthy and the aristocrats
- This time the king had his servants seek out the common and poor folk

THE LEAST REPLACES THE GREATEST



- Servants are looking for new guests outside of the city
- The changing of guests is not a changing of ethnicities
- No discriminating between good and evil people for the moment
- There are still entrance requirements!
- The man without the wedding garment was bound and thrown out into the darkness

PLAGUE OF DARKNESS

CHOSHEK

- ***Choshek*** = evil darkness, depressing, total absence of Godly illumination
- ***“...for many are invited but few are chosen...”***
- The “many” become “all”
- Only after Yeshua’s death and resurrection is there an outreach to Gentiles
- Predetermination or Predestination are not within this Parable
- Those not chosen are the result of their own failures