

It's Almost Supper Time

Text: Luke 14:15-24

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As believers in Christ, our lives have a great and wonderful purpose. Sometimes we lose sight of what we ought to be doing for the Lord. The Lord wants us to remember that there are still people who have not received their invitation to His great supper. May your eyes be opened today to the urgency of our Christian witness.

I. HEAVEN IS WORTH THE GETTING (Luke 14:15-16)

A. **Blessed is He (v.15; Romans 8:18)**

1. The sufferings we face in this world don't compare to the glory of heaven.
2. We will have an eternal purpose (Rev 22:3) serving the Lord.
3. We can begin partaking of those heavenly blessings in Christ even now (Eph 1:20, 2:6).
4. The blessings start now and get better when we die (Philippians 1:21).

B. **A Great Supper (v.16; Revelation 19:5-9)**

1. This supper takes place on Earth after the Marriage of the Lamb in heaven.
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II. ANY EXCUSE WILL DO IT (Luke 14:17-20)

A. **Possessions (14:18, 33). "I have bought a piece of ground..."** A relationship with Jesus Christ is worth more than all the possessions of the world (vs 18, Mark 8:36).

1. We ought to turn our possessions over to Jesus Christ (vs 33). He can take care of them better than we can.

B. **Occupation (14:19, 27) "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them."** We need to work, but we must ensure that our job does not keep us from Jesus Christ.

1. We need to be occupied with Him and concern ourselves with what we can do for Him (27).

C. **Relations (14:20, 26) "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come."** Whether it is your husband, wife, children, or parents, God wants you to be responsible and take care of those family members who need you.

1. None of our relationships should interfere with your relationship to Jesus Christ (vs 26). Your love for Him must be first and foremost.
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III. REJECTERS WILL BE REJECTED (Luke 14:21, 24)

A. **The Anger of the Lord (14:21) "Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant"**

1. Anyone who rejects the Lord Jesus Christ will face His wrath at the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev 20:11-15).

B. **The Rejection of Those Who were Bidden (14:24).** The Lord does not reject anyone unless they reject Him.

IV. THE ORDER TO GO IS URGENT (Luke 14:21, 23)

For those of us who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, He has given us instructions for how we ought to serve Him.

A. **We Must Go Quickly (14:21; Romans 1:16)**

1. Hand out gospel tracts.
2. Talk about the Lord at work, in public places, etc. Don't be ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

B. **We Must Compel the Lost (14:23)**

1. You might be nervous about speaking to someone, but it's better to say something about the Lord with a stammering tongue than to say nothing at all (Psalm 119:43).
 2. The Gospel is the power of God, not our ability to speak and convince and argue. If God is in it, He can convert a sinner using your imperfect speech.
 3. Don't say "*I can't do it.*" Do it because there is a great urgency.
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V. WE MUST GO OUT TO THE PEOPLE (Luke 14:21, 23)

Church attendance benefits the saved believers. But we need to move outside the comfort of the church house and get the gospel to the people.

- A. **To the Streets and Lanes of the City (14:21).** That is, the nearby places where you live.
 - B. **To the Highways and Hedges of the Country (14:23).** Go farther, outside your own city limits (Acts 1:8).
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VI. GOD WANTS THE WORLD'S UNWANTED (14:21; Revelation 3:17-18)

- A. We should never rule out anybody when it comes to preaching the gospel to the Lost. We are to preach to all the world.
- B. Jesus reaches out to the meek, the brokenhearted, those captive to sin, and those in prison (Isaiah 61:1).

VII. THERE IS YET ROOM FOR MORE (14:22-23)

- A. **Yet There is Room (14:22).** As long as we're alive on Earth, there is room for more to get saved and join Jesus Christ at the supper table.
 - B. **The House Must Be Filled (14:23).** Trust that God can do the work in the hearts of people if you would just go out and do your part.
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