

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS
20/20 Vision in 2021
LESSON STUDY: *Simplicity of the Gospel*
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HANGING OUT WITH ROYALTY
The Gospel Simplified: Jesus In, Satan Out
SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 3:21,22

²¹To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. ²²He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

The parable in Matthew 22, the King is giving a wedding for his son. This was a royal wedding. Everyone who was invited was provided a special gown. A wedding garment. The only thing they had to do was show up. Most of the invites refused to come. Why? They had other interest.

1. Matt. 22:3-6: ³And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. ⁴Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.⁵But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: ⁶And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them."

Who were they that refused the invitation? It was the Jewish Nation.

2. Matt. 23:37,38: ³⁷O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! ³⁸Behold, your house is left unto you desolate."

When was this prophecy fulfilled? When the Romans destroyed the temple in AD 70.

3. Matt. 24:2: "And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

Who now is invited to the wedding?

4. Matt. 22:9,10: ⁹Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. ¹⁰So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests."
5. Matt. 22:11,12: ¹¹And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: ¹²And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless."

Who does the wedding garment in the parable represent?

"By the wedding garment in the parable is represented the pure, spotless character which Christ's true followers will possess. To the church it is given "that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white," "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." Revelation 19:8, The fine linen, says the Scripture, "is the righteousness of saints." Ephesians 5:27. It is the righteousness of Christ, His own unblemished character, that through faith is imparted to all who receive Him as their personal Saviour." Maranatha p. 78.

The reason most people have a problem with the wedding garment; deep down in their hearts, they have problem with Jesus. If they don't have a problem with Jesus, then why is Jesus outside knocking? Self still wants to be in control.

6. Rev. 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

We are refusing Jesus' entrance into his own temple; the temple of our hearts and minds.

7. John 1:10,11: "¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. ¹¹ He came unto his own, and his own received him not."
8. 1 Cor. 6:19,20: "¹⁹ What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? ²⁰ For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Who had this robe in the beginning? What was the result when they rejected it?

9. Gen. 3:9: "And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?"

This is the result of sin.

"Nothing can man devise to supply the place of his lost robe of innocence.... Only the covering which Christ Himself has provided can make us meet to appear in God's presence. This covering, the robe of His own righteousness, Christ will put upon every repenting, believing soul.... This robe, woven in the loom of heaven, has in it not one thread of human devising. Christ in His humanity wrought out a perfect character, and this character He offers to impart to us." Maranatha p. 78.

Hope for the hopeless; What condition are we in?

10. Isa. 1:5,6: "⁵ Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. ⁶ From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment."

"All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Isaiah 64:6. Everything that we of ourselves can do is defiled by sin. But the Son of God "was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." 1 John 3:5...." Maranatha p. 78.

11. Matt. 1:21,23: "²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. ²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."
12. Eph. 3:14,16,17,19: "¹⁴ For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁶ That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; ¹⁷ That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁹ And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."
13. Luke 9:23: "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

"By His perfect obedience He has made it possible for every human being to obey God's commandments. When we submit our selves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness. Then as the Lord looks upon us He sees, not the fig-leaf garment, not the nakedness and deformity of sin, but His own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah." Maranatha p. 78.