

Theme: CONDEMNATION OF THE REBELLIOUS & THE RELIGIOUS

Memory Verse: *Matthew 22:7* “But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.”

Texts: Mathew 22:11-13

In spite of the leniency and longsuffering of the generous king, a time comes when judgment must be unleashed upon the impenitent. No one should think that God’s mercy is a blank cheque that offers to them the opportunity to continuously draw from the bank of grace after they wilfully sin. If God stays the hand of judgment now and is still extending that of mercy, it is because of His unwillingness to see any sinner perished (2 Peter 3:9, 1Timothy 2:4).

God is merciful. But, He is also just and so must punish sin. If He has to deal with us in judgment, He becomes a consuming fire. “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews 10:31). This is what happened to the people in this parable. Their cup of iniquity was full. Judgment descended. They were destroyed. “Or despises thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God led thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasures up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his deeds:” (Romans 2:4-6).

But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; (Roman 2:8-9). If severe judgment awaits the rebellious sinner, the same fate belongs to the outwardly religious but inwardly unregenerate. “And when the king came in to see the quests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment” (Mathew 22:11).

DAILY BIBLE READING		
MORNING		EVENING.
MON.	2 Kings 23	2 Kings 24
TUS.	2 Kings 25	1 Chr. 1
WED.	1 Chr. 2	1 Chr. 3
THUR.	1 Chr. 4	1 Chr. 5
FRI.	1 Chr. 6	1 Chr. 7
SAT.	1 Chr. 8	1 Chr. 9
SUN.	1 Chr. 10	1 Chr. 11