

LESSION 36**03:09:17****Theme: THE PARABLE OF THE MARRIAGE FEAST**

Memory Verse: *Matthew 22:9 “Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage”.*

Texts: Mathew 22:1-14

Our lesson today is based on a parable. A parable is a comparison, a proverb or an illustration that attempts to clarify Spiritual truth by bringing out its similarity to something that is already familiar to the audience. Parables are used to impart instruction and rebuke without causing offence. Through them, the teacher creates interest and hunger for further information. The Bible is full of many parables through which spiritual truths are taught by the means of common, everyday happenings. Parables were the unmistakable trademark of the Lord’s teaching ministry.

The parable of the marriage feast, the focus of this lesson, is one of the many parables found in the Bible and it is one of the many parables used by our Lord Jesus Christ in his teaching. In the parable of marriage feast, we see a benevolent king who, of his own volition, sends out an open invitation to a marriage feast to the excuse-giving people who abuse the offer. To furnish the quests for the feast, the rebuffed king has to urgently send his own servants with the express command to search the highways for quests.

Through the diligent effort of the obedient servants, The king’s desire is accomplished. Our Lord and Saviour seeks to impress it upon our minds, through this parable, that rejection from God’s kingdom is not a result of a malicious decision by a wicked God but rather a product of a personal choice made at one stage or the other in our lives. God, in His mercy and goodness, has extended a universal invitation to men of all classes and in all ages to come to the Living Water to be saved. Unfortunately, majority have been so pre-occupied with personal pursuits and material considerations that they neglect to respond to the great invitation. Majority disregard God’s call, mock at His messengers and despise both His love and plea.

DAILY BIBLE READING		
MORNING		EVENING.
MON.	1 Sam. 3	1 Sam. 4
TUS.	1 Sam. 5	1 Sam. 6
WED.	1 Sam. 7	1 Sam. 8
THUR.	1 Sam 9	1 Sam 9
FRI.	1 Sam 10	1 Sam.11
SAT.	1 Sam. 12	1 Sam:13
SUN.	1 Sam 14	1. Sam.15