

LESSION 38**17:09:17****Theme: THE UNWORTHY INVITEES**

Memory Verse: *Matthew 22:6 “And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them”.*

Texts: Mathew 22:7-11

On getting the king’s invitation, unfortunately, the unworthy invitees “made light of it”. This represents a typical sinner’s response to the call to salvation. Because of the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches, many have allowed Satan to blind them to the most urgent need of their lives – salvation from sin. Their understanding is darkened (Ephesians 4:18-19) and so they regard the pleasures of sin, which lasts but for a season, or be better than suffering reproach with the people of God or carrying their cross and following Jesus.

Several things are responsible for man’s nonchalant response to the gospel call. The first and foremost among them is the pull of blind ambition, leading to such a strong desire to succeed in life that all other things appear insignificant beside the ambition. Second is the greed for material wealth. This often makes people to be impatient with either the gospel or gossellers. Third, others see the call to righteousness as an impediment to their desire to “enjoy” life and, therefore, do all they can to resist it. Fourth, for some, it is the foolish craving to satisfy the lusts of the eye or flesh. To such people, gratification of the sensual appetite takes first place in life.

Fifth, for others, it is the pride of fame. They crave the esteem of men to such an extent that they are recklessly negligent of and insensitive to the deeper need of their souls. Whatsoever the enemy may use to dim our vision of eternity, whatever mess of pottage Satan may place before us to tempt us to despise our birthright, whatever alluring pictures of earthly gain or glory he may be flashing before our mind’s eye, let all men who are wise pause and weigh the Master’s question: “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul (Mat:8:36-37):

DAILY BIBLE READING		
MORNING		EVENING.
MON.	1 Sam. 30	1 Sam. 31
TUS.	2 Sam. 1	2 Sam. 2
WED.	2 Sam. 3	2 Sam. 4
THUR.	2 Sam 5	2 Sam 6
FRI.	2 Sam 7	2 Sam. 8
SAT.	2 Sam. 9	2 Sam: 10
SUN.	2 Sam 11	2 Sam. 12