

Blessed Is The Man Who Will Eat At The Feast In The Kingdom Of God

“But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” When one of those at the table with Him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.” Jesus replied; “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet He sent His servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything now is ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ Another said, ‘I have bought yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out, Please excuse me.’ Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’ The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered His servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ “ ‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’ Then the master told His servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.” (Luke 14:13-24)

The above parable that the Lord Jesus Christ narrated it is called the parable of the great banquet. The Lord Jesus Christ came from heaven two thousands years ago to save mankind from sin and death. He came to show people the right way of life and to lead them to the way that makes them reach heaven. In fact He is the way to God the Father and no one can reach the heaven without Him.

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. He came so that people will not live in darkness. Jesus is the Word of God and to follow Jesus is to follow and obey His Word. Jesus gave His life for mankind; He died on the cross for our sins, He was buried then He rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives. The Lord Jesus Christ after His resurrection from the death, He went to heaven and He will come back again to take those who belong to Him, those who are longing for His appearing.

The banquet that Jesus spoke in the parable is the banquet that He will held in heaven when He will come again, *“So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.” (Hebrews 9: 28)* And again the scriptures tell us the following: *“brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. According to the Lord’s own Word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who*

have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each with these words.” (1Thessalonians 4: 13-18)

The book of Revelation speaks clearly about this banquet and called it the Wedding supper of the lamb as we can read here: *“Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) Then the angel said to me, ‘Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’” And he added, *These are the true Words of God.” (Revelation 19: 6-9)* Therefore the servant in the parable that was sent he was sent to invite people to take part in the wedding supper of the lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, at His second coming. Therefore those responded with excuses and they said, *“Please excuse me,”* it means in a practical term, *“Please exclude me.”* People when they are invited for a dinner or lunch or for party they post pond lot of their appointments and go to eat. But when they are invited to come to the Lord Jesus Christ and follow Him, and when they are invited to come and worship the Lord and pray to Him, and when they are invited to come and study the Word of God in the Bible or when they are invited and called to come and serve the Lord they will tell many excuses in order not to respond and obey and attend God’s call.*

The invitation of God to the people and even to you who are reading this message is God’s invitation for you to stay the whole eternity with Him. But if you will not respond to God’s call, God will direct His servants to go to other people and invite them. And this is what we need to do as God’s servants. Those who are not responding to God’s call we need to continue to pray for them but we need to go and move to invite other people to the wedding supper of the lamb.

My Dear and Beloved: The Lord Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart. Don’t miss the invitation but say ‘*Yes Lord,*’ and come to Him. Follow the Lord Jesus, pray to Him and worship Him. Read His Word, obey His commands and walk in His ways. Don’t loss the opportunity remembering, *“Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the Kingdom of God,”* As you agree to pray.

My prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and was buried and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord I commit my life into your hand. I respond to your invitation and commit myself to serve you all the days of my life, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*