

JESUS WILL REJECT THOSE WHO REFUSE HIS INVITATION INTO HONOR AND PRIVILEGE REPLACING THEM WITH TRUE WORSHIPERS THOSE RESTORED FROM SIN BY HIS GRACE

V1-2 JESUS PROCEEDED TO REVEAL ONE MORE TRUTH ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND THOSE WHO HAD MISHANDLED IT THE MAIN CHARACTER OF THIS PARABLE IS A KING REPRESENTING GOD THE FATHER HIS SON REPRESENTS JESUS THE MESSIAH THE REASON FOR THE MARRIAGE FEAST

THE FEAST REPRESENTED THE FUTURE UNION OF THE BRIDEGROOM (JESUS) AND HIS BRIDE (GOD'S REDEEMED PEOPLE HIS CHURCH THE INVITATION TO THE MARRIAGE FEAST WAS AN INVITATION TO SALVATION

V3-4 THE KING SENDS OUT TWO GROUPS OF SERVANTS AS MESSENGERS THE FIRST GROUP WENT OUT TO THOSE WHO HAD BEEN INVITED TO THE BANQUET TO TELL THEM TO COME THESE PEOPLE REPRESENT ISRAEL GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE THE MESSENGERS REPRESENT GOD'S PROPHETS TELLING THEM IT WAS TIME TO ATTEND

YET THOSE WHO HAD BEEN INVITED REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION THE KING WAS PATIENT ENOUGH EVEN IN THE FACE OF THEIR REJECTION TO SEND A SECOND GROUP OF MESSENGERS TO THEM CALLING THEM TO HONOR HIS SON AND ENJOY THE HONOR OF MY BLESSINGS

V5-6 THE SECOND GROUP RECEIVED TWO RESPONSES SOME INVITED TO THE FEAST THOUGHT THEY HAD MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO THEY CHOSE TO IGNORE THE MESSENGERS AND TEND TO THEIR FIELDS AND BUSINESSES THE OTHER GROUP RESPONDED BY KILLING THE KING'S SERVANTS

BOTH GROUPS REJECTED THE KING'S OFFER OF REDEMPTION SALVATION AND REWARD THEY HAD REJECTED GOD'S GRACE THEY RETURNED A CURSE FOR GOD'S BLESSING

V7 THE KING SENDS HIS ARMY THEY WOULD SERVE AS MESSENGERS OF JUDGMENT FOR THE REBELLION OF THE ORIGINAL WEDDING GUEST THOSE WHO REJECTED HIS COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

V8-10 THE KING SENDS OUT HIS MESSENGERS AGAIN TO A DIFFERENT GROUP BECAUSE THOSE WHO WERE INVITED BEFORE WERE NOT WORTHY THE NEW GUEST WERE HONORED WITH SUCH AN INVITATION THEY WERE THE OUTCAST OF SOCIETY THOSE WHO WERE FOUND ALONG THE HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS BOTH THE EVIL AND THE GOOD AND THE WEDDING HALL WAS FILLED WITH GUEST

V11-12 BUT WHEN THE KING CAME BACK TO LOOK OVER THE DINNER GUEST HE SAW A MAN WHO WAS NOT DRESSED IN WEDDING CLOTHES THE CLOTHES THE KING HAD PROVIDED THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST SO HE SAYS TO HIM FRIEND HOW DID YOU COME INTO HERE WITHOUT WEDDING CLOTHES AND THE MAN WAS SPEECHLESS

HAVING REFUSED THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT THE KING HAD PROVIDED HE COULD NOT BE A PART OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN OR THE MARRIAGE FEAST

V13 THEN THE KING SAID TO THE SERVANTS BIND HIM HAND AND FOOT AND THROW HIM INTO OUTER DARKNESS THIS REPRESENTED EXCLUSION FROM HIS CELEBRATION IN THE KINGDOM OF LIFE AND TRUTH THE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH INDICATES EXTREME PAIN AND SORROW

V14 IN JESUS CLOSING STATEMENT HE DID NOT SAY THAT ALL MEN AND WOMEN ARE CALLED BUT MANY ARE CALLED GOD HAD ISSUED A BROAD INVITATION TO JOIN WITH HIM IN COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN NOT EVERYONE WHO IS INVITED WILL BE AMONG THE CHOSEN THAT MEANS THAT THE FAITH DECISION IS NOT TOTALLY IN OUR HANDS BUT IT IS A RESPONSE TO GOD'S SOVERIGN ELECTION

THE UNBELIEVING RELIGIOUS LEADERS WERE CALLED BUT NOT CHOSEN APART FROM THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST NONE SHALL BE SAVED TO REJECT CHRIST AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IS TO REJECT GOD'S SALVATION