THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER

Luke 14:15-24

V: 15  (A) Just another of those empty ritualistic sayings that the Pharisees and the doctors of

the law was so good at making. Luke 3:8, John 8:33 & 39

(B) This man was at the Messianic banquet and didn’t know it. Mark 1:14-15

V: 16  (A) A certain man is obviously GOD. This is what GOD is like!

(B) Bade many – bade is kal-eh-o in the Greek; to bid and call or call forth. RSVP –

That they had already accepted is implied. Exodus 24:7, Deuteronomy 26:16 and

Joshua 1:16-17

V: 17  (A) A clear claim by JESUS to be the MESSIAH, the suffering servant of GOD.


(B) Devine preparation – Come, for all things are now ready! Psalms 23:5, 31:19 and

Isaiah 64:4-7

V: 18  (A) Began to make excuse. They refused the clear call of GOD through HIS

servant,

The MESSIAH. Deuteronomy 30:15. Psalms 81:11, Isaiah 65:12, Jeremiah 7:13

and Hosea 9:17. Come – Isaiah 53:1

(B) I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it. Ridiculous – who

was rich enough to buy unseen ground?

V: 19  I have bought five yoke of oxen and I go to prove them. Ten oxen was

great wealth – another silly excuse. A servant would prove them, not the rich

owner!
V: 20  *I have married a wife, I cannot come.* A legal excuse according to: Deuteronomy 24:5. However, he had accepted the invitation! He could have brought his wife … he just didn’t want to come!

V: 21  (A) The *servant came and showed his LORD these things.* Daniel 7:13-14:

(B) *Go out . . . go ye into all the world.* Mark 16:15A

(C) *bring in . . . the poor and the maimed and the halt and the blind.* And preach the Gospel unto every creature. Mark 16:15B

V: 22  There is always room for another. John 14:1-2

V: 23  *Compel* – GOD is quite serious that HIS table in the Great Supper be filled – full!  Compel is from the Greek word an-ang-kad-zo, *to necessitate*, by implication distress – distress, must needs, of necessity – bend an arm – twist their arm - (ache).

V: 24  (A) BEHOLD the graciousness and severity of GOD!

(B) Come to the Banquet for the Messianic Age is now! The Kingdom of GOD came 2,000 years ago. Mark 9:1 and Acts 2:1-47.

(C) True Christians are eating bread in the Kingdom of GOD every LORD’S day! John 6:48-58, Matthew 26:26-30, Acts 2:42, 20:7 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26