

God's Gracious Invitation To All Mankind ①

LUKE 14:15-24

Intro. A. The exclamation of a truth-thrilled man.

- Vs. 15
1. He was simply one of them that "sat at meat".
 2. He had heard Jesus' teachings.
 3. He said to Jesus, "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God."

B. Jesus replied to his exclamation by speaking a parable.

- Vs. 16
1. The parable of the great supper.
 2. "A certain man made a great supper"
 3. "... and bade many".

C. He sent a notice by his servant to all that had been invited.

- Vs. 17
1. "And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden",
 2. "... all things are now ready".
 3. This singular, does not represent men, But H.S.

I. God's Invitation To The Religious Hierarchy of Israel

A. Remember the ones to whom Jesus spoke.

- Vs. 1
1. The house of a chief Pharisee.
 2. Jesus spoke to them and the lawyers.
 3. He will continue to teach them.

B. The Divine source of the invitation.

1. They have been invited by John the Baptist.
2. They have been invited through Abraham.
3. They have been invited by Moses' law.
4. They have been invited by Jesus.
5. They have been invited by Jehovah God.

III. God's Invitation To The Gentiles. (2)

- A. Who are these ~~traders~~ in the highways & hedges?
- Vs. 23a
1. They are the traders and traveler.
 2. There would have been many gentiles.
 3. This is consistent with God's word.

- B. There was ^{an} anticipated reluctance.
- Vs. 23b
1. This would be true of such an invitation.
 2. "Compel" = ἀναγκάζω = to necessitate, to insist, and don't take no for an answer. only the H.S. can do this!
 3. Acts 13:44-48

IV. The Tragedy Of Saying No.

- A. The kingdom work would be taken from the Jews.

1. Matt. 21:43
2. Luke 13:26-29
3. Vs. 24

- B. The invitation is now open.

1. Isa. 55:1 - Ho, every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price".
2. Rev. 22:17 - "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth, say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely".
3. Matt 11:28-30 The King's own words.