

## HOW WILL YOU RESPOND TO HIS CALL?

A parable of great hope and great warning!

Matthew 22:1-14

- I. **GOD PATIENTLY CALLED ISRAEL UNTO SALVATION IN CHRIST yet they WILLFULLY REJECTED:** Jesus tells a kingdom parable about invited wedding guests who repeatedly reject the king's gracious invitation (1-6)
  - A. A king sends out his servants **to call the invited guests to the wedding feast but they don't want to come (1-4)**
  
  - B. The king patiently calls them again, revealing more details concerning the wonderful feast for them that is ready but **they didn't care**, some being **too busy with life** and the **rest openly hostile** to the king (5-6)
  
- II. **BE WARNED BY GOD'S WRATHFUL RESPONSE TO ISRAEL'S REFUSAL, AS HE DESTROYS THE CITY AND THE NATION:** The king is enraged and destroys the murderers and their city (7)
  
- III. **BE ENCOURAGED, BECAUSE OF ISRAEL'S FAILURE, GOD'S INVITATION OF SALVATION IN CHRIST IS OPEN TO ALL:** In light of the refusal of the invited guests, the king sends his servants out to invite all else and they come (8-10)
  
- IV. **BE WARNED, RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL OF SALVATION ON YOUR OWN TERMS RESULTS IN ETERNAL PUNISHMENT:** The king spots, confronts, and eternally punishes an improperly clothed rebellious respondent and Jesus summarizes the relationship to calling and election (11-14)