

In what way does this parable serve as a warning to the Pharisees? In what way does this parable answer their objections to Jesus' ministry? (See Luke 15:1-2.) What are some of the excuses we give for not heeding Christ's call?

For Further Study – The Parable of the Wedding Feast

Read Matthew 22:1-14. Compare this parable with the one from Luke? Are these two parables the same?

What more do we learn about the requirements for guests to the feast (i.e., what does each guest need)? What does this mean for us?

Why is the guest with no wedding clothes thrown out? Who then is chosen?

Parables of Kingdom Life: The Great Banquet & the Wedding Feast



The Parable of the Wedding Host, Hans Schäufelein, 1480/85-1538/48

Read Luke 14:1-24

Study Questions: (*Try to use specific words from Scripture in your answers when possible*)

Introduction

Look at Luke 14:1-14. What is the setting for this parable? Sum up the scene just before the parable.

Why does the dinner guest say, “Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God?” To what might he have been responding?

Instead of agreeing with the man Jesus tells a parable. To what was Jesus responding? What was the assumption of the man? Of the rest of the guests? (See vv. 7-11.)

The Invited Guests

What reasons do the invited guests give for their refusal to come? Are they good reasons? (Remember that their excuses are in response to the *second* invitation from the host.)

What are the guests in the parable implying about their opinion of the host? What should the response of the guests be? What is Jesus saying about the guests of the dinner that he is attending?

The Uninvited Guests

Identify the two groups of people that the host invites to fill the spaces of those who had refused to come. Of whom are they symbols? (See John 1:11-13.)

What reason does the master of the house give for inviting other guests? Why does he tell the servant to “compel” them to accept his invitation?

The Interpretation

Read Isaiah 25:6-9. Of what is the feast a symbol? What is the mystery of the Kingdom that this parable teaches?