

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why do we find it difficult to invite or “bid” people to Christ?
2. Are we “choosy” to whom we speak about Christ?
3. How can physical opportunities of helping someone often lead to spiritual discussions?
4. How can we practice to not be a respecter of persons?
5. What is the banquet?
6. What is the wedding garment?
7. Why can only our Heavenly Father detect the wedding garment?

### SUMMARY:

The Jews had rejected God’s invitation. This rejection made them “unworthy”, and the invitation was now extended to others . . . “in the highways”.

At last the room will be filled with guests. But not all those basking in His presence today will feast with Him in His Kingdom. “Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way.”

The blood-washed robes of white are freely offered to all who come. Fig leaves will not do. Our own inventions will not do. We need His offer of grace. If we substitute anything else to justify ourselves before God, we will find ourselves in that day eternally banished from His presence. Banished to the outer darkness of hell, speechless and without excuse.

But today we have the promise “. . . him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out.” (John 6:37)

### NOTES:

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[SoF:10] We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #9

November 27, 2022

Fourth Quarter

### THE KING AND THE WEDDING [SoF:10]

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Matthew 22:1-14*

**LESSON SETTING:** Just prior to the Feast of the Passover the leaders of the Jews came to question Jesus.

**TIME:** About 33 A.D.

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- I. INVITATIONS REJECTED.** Matthew 22:1-7
  - A. Two Invitations Rejected (vs. 1-5) Luke 14:18-20; John 1:11; Acts 28:26-27
  - B. Servants Treated Spitefully (vs. 6) Matthew 5:11-12; John 15:18-20
  - C. Judgment Rendered (vs. 7) Luke 21:20-24
- II. AN INVITATION ACCEPTED.** Matthew 22:8-10
  - A. Invitation to All (vs. 8-9) Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Timothy 2:4; Revelation 22:17
  - B. Room Filled with Guests (vs. 10) Acts 28:28; Revelation 7:9
- III. A REQUIREMENT NEGLECTED.** Matthew 22:11-14
  - A. An Unprepared Guest (vs. 11) Isaiah 64:6
  - B. Without Excuse (vs. 12) Isaiah 1:18; 1 John 5:11-12
  - C. Banished in Judgment (vs. 13) Revelation 20:12, 15
  - D. Few Chosen (vs. 14) Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:23-27; 2 Peter 3:9

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *FOR MANY ARE CALLED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN.* Matthew 22:14

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Matthew 22:15-33

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Exodus 3:1-17; Mark 12:13-27;  
Luke 20:19-40

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ - King and Savior

**TOPIC:** THE KING'S WISDOM

**INTRODUCTION:**

When Jesus was ministering here on the earth He was often under attack by all groups of the religious leaders of that day. None were excluded. Our lesson deals with the attacks of each of the groups, of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Normally, the questions would have been considered rational and answered accordingly. However in these instances these questions were intended to "entangle Him in His talk." We read too that Jesus "perceived their wickedness" and did not deal with them as innocent questions. We can only marvel at Jesus' wisdom and His discreet answers.

We can take courage in this lesson because Jesus has promised to help us in similar circumstances. The Holy Ghost, speaking through us will silence our critics too. We are prone to "do our own thinking" in trying to answer those who criticize our stand for Jesus, but Jesus said, "whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost". (Mark 13:11)

Lord, increase our faith!

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** The wisdom that comes from God adequately answers all criticism.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *IF ANY OF YOU LACK WISDOM, LET HIM ASK OF GOD, THAT GIVETH TO ALL MEN LIBERALLY, AND UPBRAIDETH NOT; AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN HIM.* James 1:5

We must determine what kind of wisdom James is writing about. There are two kinds of wisdom, "the wisdom of this world" which is "foolishness with God" (1 Corinthians 3:19) and the "wisdom that is from above" which "is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." (James 3:17)

We can now understand that it would never do to ask the Lord for the wisdom of this world. He would not bestow upon us something that is foolishness with Him. He will however, bestow upon us this wisdom which is from above, and He will give it to us liberally. Our desire for wisdom should be in the realms of purity, peacefulness, gentleness, etc., so that we can grow in our spiritual lives and can be inclined to come closer to God.

The trend today is to be a Christian but to also fill our lives with the things of this world. We can truly say the "wisdom from above" is lacking in the lives of so many today. How do we appear in the sight of God?

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Nov. 28 – Dec. 4**

- M. \*The Kings' Wisdom. Matthew 22:15-33
- T. God Abhors Insincerity. Isaiah 66:1-6
- W. God Demands Sincerity. Micah 6:1-16
- T. The King Answers the Pharisees. Matthew 19:3-9
- F. The King Criticizes His Critics. Matthew 23:13-22
- S. Answering our Critics. Luke 21:12-19
- S. Paul Answers the Insincere. Romans 2:17-29

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