

COME TO THE FEAST

Text: Luke 14:12-24

Introduction:

1. Psalm 23
2. If we follow the Good Shepherd, we will have a table spread before us.
3. God provides a physical feast, but more importantly, He gives us a spiritual feast (Ephesians 1:3).

I. It Is A Feast Of Faith

- A. This feast is not for those who disobey - no matter what excuse they make.
 1. If one is going to disobey God, one excuse is just as good as another.
 2. However, none are acceptable to the Lord.
 3. What is your excuse for not obeying the Gospel?
 - a. Too sinful
 - b. Too busy
 - c. Too smart
 - d. Too proud (stubborn)
 - e. Too late
- B. Obeying the Lord demands sacrifice.
 1. God must come first in our lives (vs. 25-27).
 2. We must count the cost of service (vs. 28-33).
 3. We must submit completely (vs. 34-35).
- C. But, if we live a life of faith (trust & obey), we have access to a feast of blessings from the Lord.

II. It Is A Feast Of Forgiveness

- A. This feast is for the spiritually sick - the poor, maimed, halt and blind.
- B. Sin destroys lives and souls. {*Physically - drinking, drugs, etc.*}
- C. Sin separates man from God (Isaiah 59:1-2).
- D. Yet, through the forgiving power of the blood of Christ, man may feast at the table of the Lord (Acts 5:30-31; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:13-14).

III. It Is A Feast Of Freedom

- A. This feast is for those who can be compelled - persuaded to partake of their own free will.
- B. God allows man the ability to choose whether or not he will come to the feast (cf. Matthew 11:28-30).
- C. But, when one answers the invitation call, he is granted freedom in Christ.
 1. Freedom from sin (John 8:32-36; Romans 6:1-7)
 2. Freedom from punishment (Romans 8:1-2)
 3. Freedom from the Law (Galatians 5:1; James 1:25; 2:12)
 4. Freedom to serve (Galatians 5:13-14)

- IV. It Is A Feast Of Fellowship
 - A. This feast is an occasion to dine with the Lord in the kingdom of God.
 - B. The blood of Christ unites us with the Father in Heaven (1 John 1:3-7).
 - C. The blood of Christ unites us with the church (Acts 20:28; 2:37-47).
- V. It Is A Feast Of Forever
 - A. The fellowship will continue into Heaven (John 14:1-6).
 - B. The freedom will continue into Heaven (Revelation 21:3-5, 22-27).
 - C. The forgiveness will continue into Heaven (Revelation 22:11-13).
 - D. Through faithfulness, we will reach Heaven (Revelation 22:14-15).

Conclusion: *All Things Are Ready!*

- 1. The feast is ready...
- 2. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are ready...
- 3. The church is ready...
- 4. Your family and friends are ready...
- 5. The water for baptism is ready...
- 6. The prayers of the faithful are ready...
- 7. Are you ready?