

# Are You Ready for the Wedding Banquet?

Holy Bible Scripture: Matthew chapter 22

Date: Sunday, April 14, 2013

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Florida



- Are you prepared for the Wedding Banquet?
- Do you have on the proper clothing to enter and stay for the Wedding Banquet?
- Will you be first or last at the Wedding Banquet?
- Are you too busy to become ready for the Wedding Banquet?
- Are your job, work, family, friends, business, and social life, more important than getting ready for the Wedding Banquet?

The king gave a Wedding Banquet for his son (v. 2).

- King = Yahweh Elohim Almighty
- Son = Yeshua / Jesus Christ
- Slaves = Servants of Yahweh Elohim Almighty
- Not dressed for a wedding (clothing) = Inner heart condition toward Yahweh Elohim Almighty and His commands
- Wedding Banquet = Messiah coming to usher in the Messianic age

King sent His slaves to summon those invited to the banquet (v. 3).

People summoned for Wedding Banquet did not want to come to the King's banquet (v. 3).

King had prepared His dinner by slaughtering His oxen and fattened cattle, and everything was ready (v. 4).

Summoned guest to the Wedding Banquet paid no attention (v. 5).

Summoned Wedding Banquet guests went away to their own farm (home and family matters) and business (job, employment, and financial matters) (v. 5).

Some of the other summoned wedding guests seized the Kings' slaves and treated them outrageously and killed them (v. 6).

The King became enraged at this, and sent His troops to destroy those murderers, and burned down their city (v. 7).

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Although the Wedding Banquet was ready, ones initially invited did not come which made them unworthy to attend: They placed home, family, job, and financial matters before obedience to the King (v. 8).

The King told His slaves to go from the roads exits of the city and invite others, everyone they found to the Wedding Banquet, both good and evil (vv. 9, 10).

Wedding Banquet was filled with guests, but the King noticed a man who did not have on the proper attire for the event (vv. 10, 11). He was not dressed for a wedding (v. 11).

This man was not dressed for the wedding because he was not properly prepared for the Wedding Banquet. He had been attending church or a place of worship for many months or years, but he did not hear the truth of Yahweh Elohim Almighty's word. When the religious leader of this man's church or place of worship omitted speaking and teaching the truth of Yahweh Elohim Almighty's word caused a lack of spiritual education. This lack of spiritual education failed to get the man ready for the Wedding Banquet by not telling him what special types of clothing to wear. This man thought he could attend the Wedding Banquet in any kind of clothing, just as he did when attending the church or place of worship. This man not wearing wedding clothing went through the ritual heartless and mindless motions of attending church as usual without respect for Yahweh Elohim Almighty's word and place of worship. When the leader of the places of worship speaks, live, and teach the untainted truth of Yahweh Elohim Almighty's words, the man would had chosen wedding clothing to wear to the Wedding Banquet. The man showed the same behavior of spiritual unpreparedness by not wearing wedding clothing to the Wedding Banquet as when he attends the church or place of worship. The man regards the church or place of worship as a place of entertainment or commerce that fosters a thinking of "I may wear anything." This is a heart issue and not an actually clothing issue.

**The right man but the wrong clothing:** the servants of Yahweh Elohim Almighty were told to gather both evil and good (v. 10). This man had been giving much money to the church or place of worship.

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Outwardly, he had the appearance of being the right person to

attend the Wedding Banquet. However, the King noticed his clothing to see he was not dressed for a wedding (v. 11).

**The wrong man but the right clothing:** Yahweh Elohim Almighty gave them time to prepare for the Wedding Banquet, the evil ones had repented to gain the right wedding clothing to enter and stay for the occasion.

**The right man and the right clothing:** Yahweh Elohim Almighty allows the ones who are dressed appropriately to stay and attend the Wedding Banquet. These ones have truly repented, ask remission of all sins, developed a serious and sober daily devoted walk with Yahweh Elohim Almighty. These ones try their best to observe and follow the Holy Bible and Yahweh Elohim Almighty's word to please Him for His glory, honor, praise, and worship.

Notice the King called the man not dressed for a wedding, 'Friend', to indicate that Yahweh Elohim Almighty was showing mercy and giving the man an opportunity to explain his reason for being improperly dressed (v. 11). Could this have been one of the first group summoned individual who decided to come with the second group that was invited? Could this man have thought, "I did not have time to come with the first summoned group because of work, business and social matters, so I will come in the second group invited; no one will ever know the difference." Nevertheless, the King did notice and will notice and address the person and will discipline him for practicing hypocrisy. The spiritual "nakedness" man not being dressed for the wedding did not speak a word to the King (v. 12). At the directions of the King, the attendants took the inappropriately dressed man from the Wedding Banquet, and tied him up hand and foot, and threw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (v. 13).

"[S]upper of the great God." - Revelation 19:17	"Marriage supper of the Lamb." - Revelation 19:9
"Scavenger birds are invited to devour the defeated kings of the earth and their armies (p. 155)." 1	"Christ will have fellowship with the faithful (p. 155)."1
1. Youngblood, R., Bruce, F., & Harrison, R. (1995). <i>Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary</i> . Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, Inc.	