

EXPERIENCING THE KING LIVING OUT THE KINGDOM

THE STUDY OF MATTHEW

Responding to the King and Savior Jesus

Matthew 21:28-22:14

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Pharisees (Religious Leaders)

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1. **Emphasize traditions over God's commands:** The Pharisees give their human traditions equal or greater authority than God's written word.
2. **Focus on the law, not the Saviour:** Their devotion to upholding the letter of the law have turned their faith into a system of works-based righteousness. By imposing heavy burdens on the people with their rules and regulations, they have lost sight of their relationship with the Lawgiver – God Himself. Their rigid system obscured the true grace and goodness of God to them.
3. **Pride in their own righteousness:** They were proud and self-righteous, believing they were better than "sinners" like the tax collectors.



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He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

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II. Faithful Stewardship (Matt. 21:33-46)



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The Parable of the Tenants

33 “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard.

He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower.

Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place.

34 When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

35 “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.

36 Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way.

37 Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

38 “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’

39 So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

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40 “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, **what will he do to those tenants?**”

41 “**He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,**” they replied, “and **he will rent the vineyard to other tenants,** who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
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44 Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

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SPIRITUAL 'ENTITLEMENT'

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1. Do we treat ministry or church like 'our own turf'?
2. Have we developed a 'consumer' mindset towards the church?
3. Are we hoarding the blessings God has given us?

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III. Humble Acceptance (Matt. 22:1-14)



Matthew 22:1-14

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The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying:

2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.

3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

4 “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

5 “But they paid no attention and went off – one to his field, another to his business.

6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them.

7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

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9 So **go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.**”

10 So the servants went out into the streets and **gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good**, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes.

12 He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

13 “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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“The invitation (the call) goes out to everyone. But the "chosen" are those who respond appropriately – not just by showing up to the wedding banquet, but by humbly accepting the King's **full provision** – the wedding clothes representing Jesus and the righteousness that He brings (cf. Isa. 61:10)” - Michael Green

Isaiah 61:10

I delight greatly in the Lord;
my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has **clothed me with garments of salvation**
and **arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,**
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.



Isaiah 64:6

All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and **all our righteous acts** are like **filthy rags**;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.



CONCLUSION

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Recap:

1. Genuine Repentance & Obedience (Parable of the Two Sons).
2. Faithful Stewardship (Parable of the Wicked Tenants).
3. Humble Acceptance (Parable of the Wedding Banquet).

Call to Action:

1. If you're the second son, repent and let your "yes" lead to action.
2. If you're the wicked tenant, surrender your life back to God and live as a steward.
3. If you're the man without wedding clothes, cast aside your pride and receive the free gift of salvation in Christ Jesus.

Which Response Is Yours?