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The Power of Invitation: There Is Still Room For More

Isaiah 25:6 - *In Jerusalem, the LORD of Heaven's Armies will spread a wonderful feast for all the people of the world. It will be a delicious banquet with clear, well-aged wine and choice meat.*

People May Talk Favorably About The Blessings Of The Kingdom, But In Reality Fail To Accept The Invitation

They Were Counting On Their Heritage, Observance Of The Law, And Social Position To Gain Access

Luke 14:16-24 - *"A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. ¹⁷ When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.' ¹⁸ But they all began making excuses. One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.' ¹⁹ Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.' ²⁰ Another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' ²¹ "The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' ²² After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' ²³ So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. ²⁴ For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.'"*

Possessions And Family Were Of Greater Importance To Them

Revelation 19:7-9 - *Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. ⁸ She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear." For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people. ⁹ And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he added, "These are true words that come from God."*

Jesus Doesn't Ask Us To Give Up Something Good Unless He's Going Replace It With Something Better

They're Not A Substitute For God's Invitation, Or An Excuse To Put Off Participating In God's Kingdom

Luke 2:32 - *He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!*

We Should Never Take Our Salvation For Granted

The Kingdom Of God Is About Sending People To Invite

God Is An Inviting God; Those Who Respond To His Invitation In Return Invite Others