

# REJECTING GOD'S GREAT INVITATION

## *Matthew 22:1-14*

"Sanctify them  
by the Truth.  
Your Word is  
Truth"  
John 17:17

### I. Introduction

A. Most of us receive invitations throughout the year requesting our attendance at various functions.

B. You cannot possibly respond to every invitation that comes through the mail.

C. The gospel of Jesus Christ is God's invitation for us to have a relationship with Him.

### II. The Message of the parable.

A. The invitation is to a party planned by a king. 1-2

B. The invitation and the response to the invitation. 2-5

C. Matters get even worse. 6-8

D. The king decides to extend the invitation to this feast to anyone and everyone who wanted to come. 9-10

E. The guest without a wedding garment. 11-14

III. Some lessons for us today.

A. Our response to God's invitation is crucial.

B. God's invitation is extended to everyone.

C. Grace doesn't eliminate standards.

IV. Conclusion