

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

This Is God's Banquet, and All Are Invited

Matthew 22:2-14; Luke 14:15-24

♩ = 108

Unison D

Em G Em7 D# F# G A9sus4 A Bm B sus Bm

1. This is God's ban-quet, and all are in - vit - ed. None are out -
2. Ev - 'ry - thing else is of less - er im - por - tance. Don't be dis -
3. He is your heav - en in all of its glo - ry. He is the
4. His food will feed all your be - ing for - ev - er. Come and en -

Gm7 G6 G Bm F# Em9 A sus A D Em G

sid - ers, too good or too wrong. He is our Mak - er; we
tract - ed by pass - ing con - cerns. He is our Mak - er, our
foun - tain, the source, and the sea. Come to His ban - quet and
joy all His love has in store. He is the life for which

Em7 D# F# G F# Bm Bm A G6 A G G6 D A A# Bm Em A7 D

bow here to - geth - er. All are un - worth - y, but we all be - long.
Sav - ior and Sov - reign. An - swer His call and get all in re - turn.
feast on His full - ness. He is the truth; let the truth set you free.
life was cre - a - ted. Come to His ban - quet and hun - ger no more!

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THE BANQUET
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OPTION:

After "This Is God's Banquet, and All Are Invited",
flow directly into "Come and Feast".

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TOPICS: Calls to Worship, Invocations; Communion; Invitation; Parables of Jesus

LEAD-IN: *“Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here those who are poor, those with disabilities, those who are blind, and those who are limping.’ And later the slave said, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and the hedges and press upon them to come in, so that my house will be filled.”*
(Luke 14:21-23, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

ALL Are Invited!

Matthew 22:2-14; Luke 14:15-24

God enjoys feeding His people.

We see examples throughout the Bible:

- God stocked the Garden of Eden with
every tree...that is pleasing to the sight and good for food.
(Genesis 2:9, NASB)
- How did God commemorate His deliverance of His people from Egypt?
He commanded an annual feast (Exodus 12:1-28,43-51).
- In the midst of a barren wilderness,
God spread a banquet for His people:
manna, meat, and water from a rock (Psalm 78:17-29).
- Notice what kind of country God prepared for His people.
He repeatedly promised
a land flowing with milk and honey. (Deuteronomy 31:20, NASB)

So when Jesus told the banquet parable in Matthew 22 and Luke 14,
His Jewish listeners would have identified with
a great king who threw a feast for His people.

But then, Jesus said that those originally invited (that is, the Jews)
were indifferent to God’s invitation.

His audience would have been shocked and offended!

Far from treasuring the pleasure of feasting with the King,
they were too busy,
too preoccupied to come to the feast.
They snubbed their King and His generosity.

What’s more, those Jewish listeners would have been downright angered when
Jesus declared them to be unworthy of God’s banquet.

Instead, God was inviting
the poor,
the crippled, blind, and lame,
both the evil and the good.

God was inviting the unclean GENTILES to replace them!!!

What was bad news for the Jews is
wonderful news for the rest of us:

God has thrown wide the doors.

He is aggressively inviting EVERYONE to His banquet.

EVERYONE is welcome to come and eat their fill of
true food:

not food that strengthens
only the body and
only for a few hours,
but food that strengthens and satisfies
body, mind, and spirit
completely and forever.

Come, EVERYONE!
And if you know some who seem unworthy of God's banquet,
bring them with you.
ALL are welcome!

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