

# Sermon Reflections

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*Many Called, Few Chosen* (Matthew 22:1-14)

**Summary:** Come at the King's call to confirm His election and so guard your soul.

## 1. Throw off Your Apathy (vv. 1-7)

- The wedding guests were invited to the feast, but would not come. They were defiantly refusing, insulting the king by not coming. This king has been shamed, but is merciful. The king entices them by sending other servants. Despite how generous the invitation, invitees pay no attention. They are indifferent and could care less. How are these wedding guests like the people of Israel?
- Apathy is a passive way to reject the message. One slowly drifts away, or steps away. One who falls away from sin doesn't fall very far. Have you felt that drift? Are you avoiding fellowship with other believers where you can interact with God's word? Lean into His mercy, tune out the apathy, and come to His invitation.

## 2. Come at His Invitation (vv. 8-10)

- The king says his son is worthy; we need to fill this place. He sends his servants out to gather those on the streets, the commoners, the overlooked. Both bad and good. This is a good picture of Christ's ministry. Can you hear the invitation that God is sending to you? Will you believe and respond to His gospel call?
- How can I know if I'm one of the elect? What makes one worthy of His kingdom?

## 3. Be Changed by this King (vv. 11-14)

- You are expected to dress up for a wedding. When you dress down, you are affronting the one who invited you. In Revelation 19, John describes the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. Jesus has been condemning empty religion throughout His ministry. How is the analogy of the wedding clothes similar to empty worship?
- It's not enough to come to church and hear the sermons. The mark of God's people – Christ has come into your heart and changed you. We always need to be striving to increase in faith, to follow Jesus. Read 2 Peter 1. Make every effort to increase the faith and confirm your election.