

Thinking about our text

Today's parable has two, interconnected parts. First, there's the story of the king who throws a wedding banquet for his son and his bride. Those invited refuse to come when invited. More servants tell them of the urgency: come, all is in readiness! They again refused. Angered, the king had them killed and destroyed their city. He then opened the wedding banquet up to everyone. *"And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad. So the wedding hall was filled with guests."* God's grace goes out to all Israel and to others, both good and bad. God wants all to listen to His call and come to the wedding feast which is, after all, a word picture for spending eternity with God.

So how does the second part of the parable fit in? The man who's called out is improperly attired. That is the key to which you must look. The man was in the wedding feast. He thought he had it made. And yet the king calls him out and excludes him. He was in the right place. He came in. Yet he was put out; he was excluded. He was put out for his improper attire.



To enter the wedding feast of the Lamb – that is, heaven – we have to be clothed in *robes of righteousness*. We're so clothed in one way and only one way – through faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. Make sure **you're** properly dressed for the occasion through faith! Put on **your** robe of righteousness!



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**“Go therefore to the main roads
and invite to the wedding feast
as many as you find .”**

Matthew 22:9