

# Sermon Outline

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## AN INVITATION TO GOD'S BANQUET Matthew 22:1-14

### INTRODUCTION

#### The Atheist View of Human Beings

What do atheists say about the nature of human beings? What do atheists say is the purpose of human life?

#### The Christian View of Human Beings

What does Christianity say about the nature of human beings? What does Christianity say is the purpose of human life?

### BACKGROUND

#### Jesus' Hearers

To whom was Jesus speaking? Who were the Pharisees? Who were the chief priests?

#### Jesus' Purpose

Why was Jesus speaking? What is a parable? What is the kingdom of heaven?

### THE PARABLE

#### The King

Who is the king in this parable? What do we learn from the king about the kingdom of God?

#### Those Who Refused to Come

Who are those who refused to come to the banquet? What do we learn from them about the kingdom of God?

#### Those Who Came

Who are those who came to the banquet? What do we learn from them about the kingdom of God?

#### The Man Not Wearing Wedding Clothes

Who is the man who was not wearing wedding clothes? What do we learn from him about the kingdom of God?

### CONCLUSION

#### Jesus' Saying

Who are those who are called? Who are those who are chosen? Why did Jesus conclude his parable with this saying?

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