



The Great Banquet with Great Blessings

Lesson 14.. • Luke 14:15-24

Hypocritical Exclamation: Great Blessings for Everyone Who Eats at the Great Banquet!

*“But when one of the hostile hypocrites reclining at the table with Jesus heard His teaching on kingdom hospitality, he said to Him, ‘Blessed is **EVERYONE** – just like us – who will be eating bread in the kingdom of God!’” Luke 14:15*

WHO says this? *One of the hostile **HYPOCRITES**.*

WHEN does he say it? *After hearing Jesus teach on kingdom hospitality*

(1-6) **Hospitality:** *Why show hospitality to the helpless and hopeless?*

(7-11) **Humility:** *Where to sit as a guest when invited?*

(12-14) **Heart:** *Who to invite to your table as a host?*

*Kingdom hospitality by the humble toward the helpless and hopeless will be **BLESSED** – recognized and repaid – at the resurrection in the coming Kingdom!*

WHY does he say it?

HOW does he say it? *With false **HUMILITY** and false **HOPE**!*

WHAT does Jesus the Kingdom Host say? *“Well, it **DEPENDS**!” (16a)*

Pivotal Question: Who Will Be Feasting at the Great Banquet with Great Blessings?

Ten Radical Revelations About the Great Banquet with Great Blessings!

1. Generous **INVITATION**.

*“A man was giving a **big dinner**, and he **invited many**.” (v. 16b)*

2. Delayed **GRATIFICATION**.

*“and at the **dinner hour** he sent his slave to say to those **who had been invited**, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’” (v. 17)*

- A cultural key
- A radical truth
- A theological reality

3. Phony **EXPLANATIONS**.

*“But they **all alike** began to **make excuses**...” (vv. 18-20)*

They all have the same heart, but each one has different excuses!

Luke 9:57-62; 14:25-27; 18:28-30

4. Underserved **HUMILIATION**.

“And the slave came back and reported this to his master (= LORD!).” (v. 21a)

5. Justified **INDIGNATION**.

“Then the head of the household became angry (= furious!)...” (v. 21b)

6. Surprising **INCLUSION**.

“and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’” (v. 21c)

7. Expanding **VISION**.

“And 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 highways and along the hedges, (vv. 22-23a)

8. Necessary **PERSUASION**.

“and compel them to come in,” (v. 23b)

Compel the lost not by carnal force but with compassionate faith!

- By faith persuade with **NECESSITY!**
- By faith persuade with **URGENCY!**
- By faith persuade with **MERCY!**

9. Kingdom **PASSION**.

“so that my house may be filled.” (v. 23c)

- Until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled and the fulness of the Gentiles has entered. *Luke 21:24; Romans 11:25*
- Until the times of refreshing for the nation of Israel has come when they repent and are restored. *Acts 1:6-8; 3:17-21; 5:27-32*

10. Eternal **CONDEMNATION**.

“For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.” (v. 24)

- An authoritative **DECLARATION** by the Master of the House and the King of the Kingdom.
- An absolute **EXCLUSION** of all who reject the gracious Host and His generous invitation.
- An appropriate **PROHIBITION** to not even taste – *much less feast* – at the King’s table in His kingdom.

“Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open up to us!’ then He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know where you are from.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets’; and He will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you are from; depart from me, all you evildoers.’ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out. And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” Luke 13:25-30

Will You Be Feasting at the Great Banquet and Filled with Great Blessings?

Respond by faith to Jesus’ gospel invitation and **FOLLOW THROUGH** on your RSVP as His fully devoted disciple!

- Respond **today before** the King says: “Come and dine; for everything is now ready!”
- Persuade the lost **today** and **every day until** the King says: “Come and dine; for everything is now ready!”