

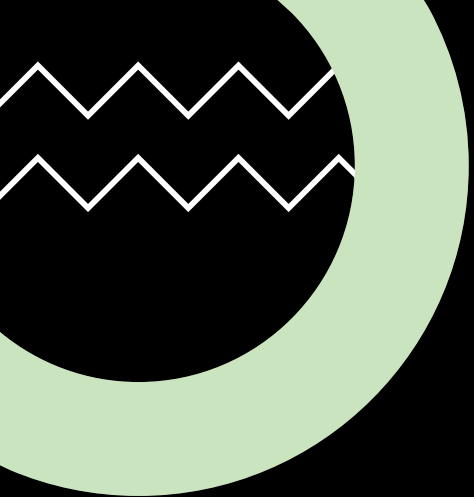
**Will You Come
to the Greatest
Wedding Banquet**

Matthew 22:1-14



the
Gospel
according to
Matthew





Wedding Bells are Ringing

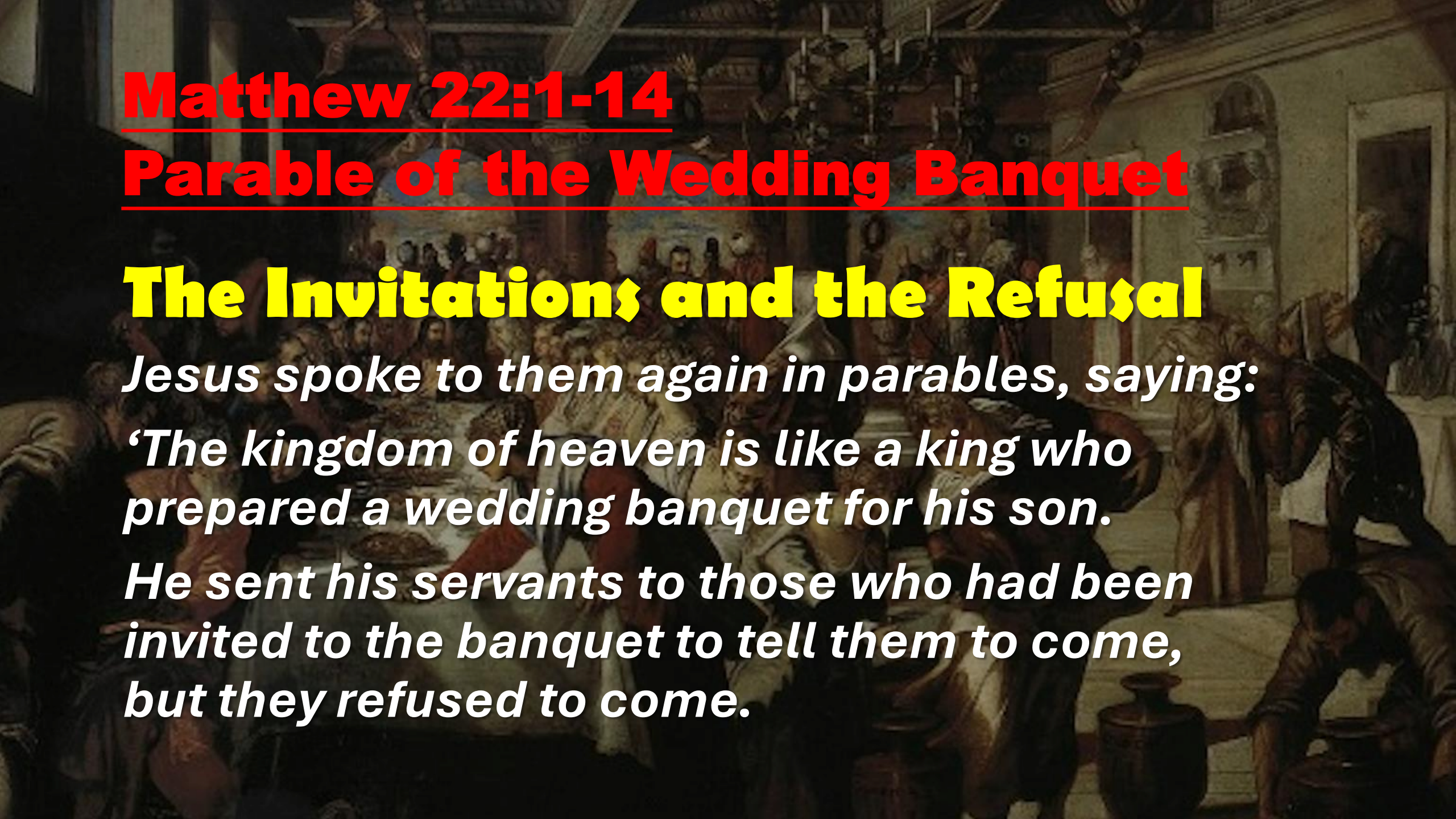
The Greatest Wedding Invitation

Will you be there?

How will you dress?

Will your friends and loved ones be there?





Matthew 22:1-14

Parable of the Wedding Banquet

The Invitations and the Refusal

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying:

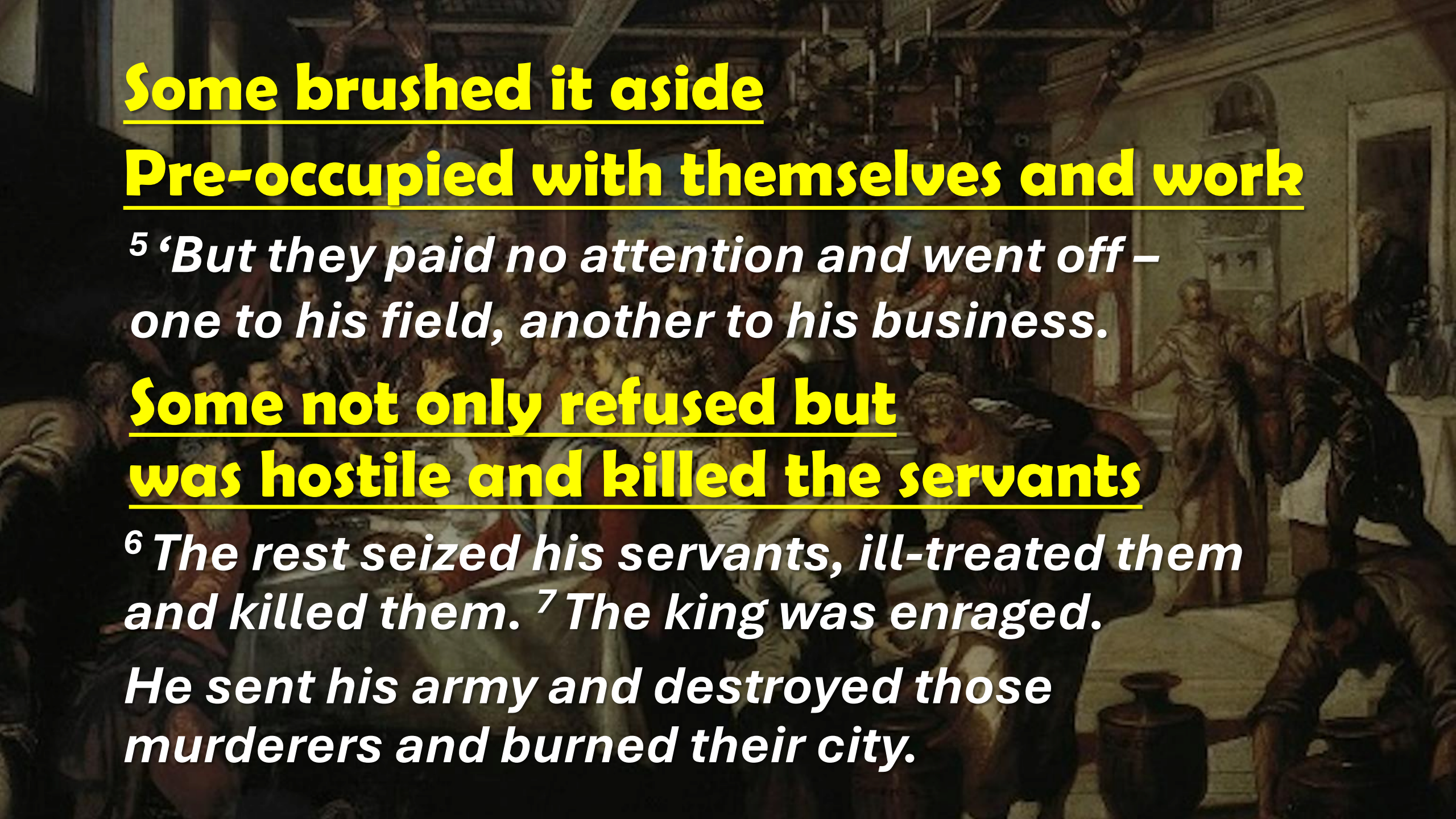
‘The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.

He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

**It's going to be the
most lavished banquet**

***4 'Then he sent some more servants and said,
"Tell those who have been invited that I have
prepared my dinner: my oxen and fattened
cattle have been slaughtered, and everything
is ready. Come to the wedding banquet."***

Come! Don't Miss it!

A classical painting depicting a dramatic scene with many figures in a grand hall. The scene is filled with people in various poses, some standing, some sitting, and some in motion. The architecture is ornate, with high ceilings and large windows. The overall tone is somber and dramatic.

Some brushed it aside

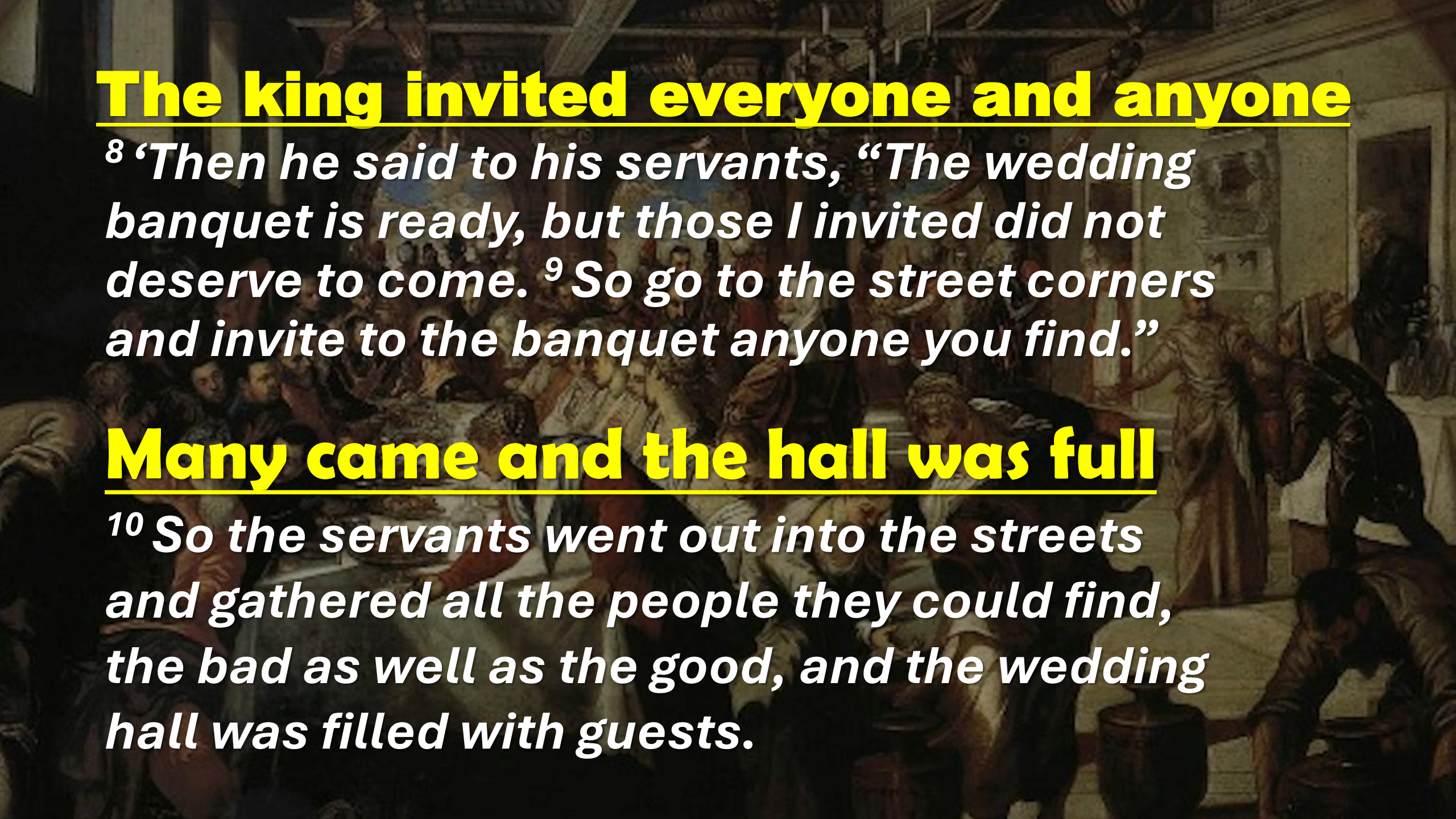
Pre-occupied with themselves and work

⁵ ‘But they paid no attention and went off – one to his field, another to his business.

Some not only refused but was hostile and killed the servants

⁶ The rest seized his servants, ill-treated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged.

He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.



The king invited everyone and anyone

⁸ ‘Then he said to his servants, “The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.”’

Many came and the hall was full

¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.



Interpretation

Banquet = *Kingdom of God*, King = *God*,

Son = *Jesus*, Servant = *Prophet*, Messenger

Guest = *Jews*, Anyone on the street = *Gentiles*

The kingdom of God is like a wedding feast of great joy. Everyone is invited!

Offered to the Jews first. They rejected it repeatably and even killed his prophets. God punished them.

Then kingdom offered to the Gentiles. Many accepted

A Twist! A man without the wedding clothes!

***¹² He asked, "How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?"
The man was speechless.***

He was Rejected

¹³ 'Then the king told the attendants, "Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

WHY?

He came with the wrong clothes.

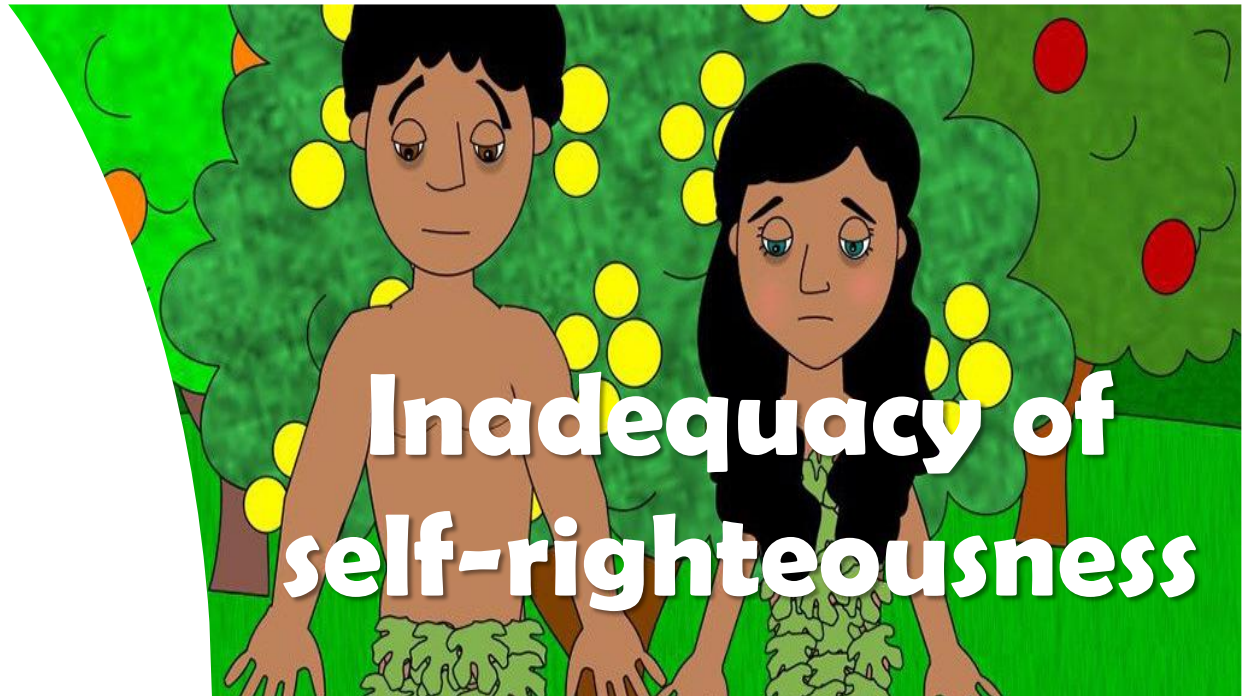


The man clothed himself with self-righteousness

Jesus was directed at the religious teachers who thought they qualified for the kingdom by external religiosity and piety

Isaiah 64:6

To cloth ourselves with self-righteousness is to be clad in “*filthy rags*”



Heart of the Parable

*“Many are invited,
but few are chosen.”*

**Many heard the gospel
but only few chose to accept**

**The kingdom of God is the most
wonderful joyous wedding feast**

Everyone is Invited!
Don't miss it!



Have you accepted the invitation to the wedding?

- **Go to the feast!**

God has prepared a most lavish joyful celebration in His kingdom.

- **Get everyone in!**

Go and invite everyone!

- **Wear His clothes!**

Clothes yourself with the righteousness of Christ





Wear His Clothes!

You are chosen but you must wear the right clothes!

Trust in God's righteousness, not our own

Philippians 3:9 *For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ, I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ.*

How to clothed with the righteousness of Christ?

By Grace through Faith not Work

Roman\$ 4:3

Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.

Divine Grace 2 Corinthian\$ 5:21

“God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”



**Keep on wearing
His Grace Clothes
and enjoy the wedding!**

Live by Faith through Grace

**Focus on Eternal Joyful
Life of Love Relationship**

*Do not live the cold, legalistic,
kill-joy life of the religious leaders.*



**Live the most joyful
fruitful life in His kingdom**

**Be Transformed By His Grace
Bear fruit of Righteousness**

Colossians 3:12

*Therefore, as God's chosen
people, holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with
compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness and patience.*



Put Off the Old Grave Clothes **Put On the New Grace Clothes**

Ephesians 4:22-23

²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

New Identity and Character of Christ





Be There at the Greatest Wedding Feast!

Revelation 7:9

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

Wearing “White Robes”

Washed in the blood of the Lamb

***Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him!***

Clothes in the Righteousness of Christ and Bear Fruit

