

### 3 – RSVP TO GOD’S PARTY INVITATION

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Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd using stories. He did not say anything to them without telling a story. <sup>35</sup> So the words spoken by the prophet came true. He had said, “I will open my mouth and tell stories. I will speak about things that were hidden since the world was made.” **Matthew 13:34-35 (NIRV)**

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son... **Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)**

#### WEDDING BANQUET DETAILS I NEED TO KNOW:

1. THE HOST IS A \_\_\_\_\_ & HIS SON IS THE \_\_\_\_\_.

The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. **Matthew 22:2 (NIV)**

But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. **Hebrews 1:8 (NKJV)**

2. I HAVE AN \_\_\_\_\_ FROM THE \_\_\_\_\_.

He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come... Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner... So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find **Matthew 22:3-4, 9 (GW)**

• I know He \_\_\_\_\_ me & I have reason to \_\_\_\_\_.

He placed me at his banquet table, for everyone to see that his banner over me declares his love. **Song Of Solomon 2:4 (VOICE)**

God is gently calling you from the jaws of trouble to an open place of freedom where he has set your table full of the best food. **Job 36:16 (NCV)**

3. THE KING \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ME.

...I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready... **Matthew 22:4b (NIV)**

• I know He \_\_\_\_\_ me & I have reason to be \_\_\_\_\_.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies... **Psalms 23:5a (NIV)**

Here on Mount Zion the LORD Almighty will prepare a banquet for all the nations of the world—a banquet of the richest food and the finest wine. <sup>7</sup> Here he will suddenly remove the cloud of sorrow that has been hanging over all the nations. <sup>8</sup> The Sovereign LORD will destroy death forever! He will wipe away the tears from everyone's eyes and take away the disgrace his people have suffered throughout the world. The LORD himself has spoken. <sup>9</sup> When it happens, everyone will say, “He is our God! We have put our trust in him, and he has rescued us. He is the LORD! We have put our trust in him, and now we are happy and joyful because he has saved us.” **Isaiah 25:6-9 (GNT)**

4. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_ IN ORDER TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE BANQUET.

I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet. **Luke 14:24 (NIV)**

• RSVP = répondez s'il vous plait = \_\_\_\_\_ if you \_\_\_\_\_.

Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. <sup>14</sup> “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city... The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. **Revelation 21:12-14, 17 (NIV)**

• I must \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_ guest of the wedding banquet.

#### HOW CAN I MAKE SURE I DON'T MISS THE PARTY?

1. I WILL NOT ALLOW MYSELF TO BE \_\_\_\_\_.

But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. **Matthew 22:5 (NIV)**

But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. **2 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV)**

2. I WILL NOT TREAT GOD WITH \_\_\_\_\_.

The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. **Matthew 22:6 (NIV)**

But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. **Romans 2:8 (NIV)**

3. I WILL NOT BE \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE KING'S REQUIREMENTS.

<sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup> He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. <sup>13</sup> “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **Matthew 22:11-13 (NIV)**

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. <sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. <sup>8</sup> Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” **Revelation 19:6-8a (NIV)**

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. **Revelation 19:8b (KJV)**

*For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.*

**Matthew 5:20 (NIV)**

*The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.*

**Genesis 3:21 (NIV)**

*So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup>for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.* **Galatians 3:26-29 (NIV)**

- **Missing out is as \_\_\_\_\_ as the banquet is \_\_\_\_\_.**