

Called to Your Reserved Seat

Text: Matthew 22:14 *For many are called, but few are chosen.*

Introduction: The calling of God to feast at His Kingdom is a very direct calling of accountability and responsibility. Our calling on the earth is: **Worship, Prayer, Word, Fellowship, and Evangelism.** We live with many distractions, worries and other priorities but, **you are God's Called!**

How you hear and respond determines your experience!

Mark 4:13 *And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? ¹⁴ The sower soweth the word. ¹⁵ And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. ¹⁶ And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; ¹⁷ And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. ¹⁸ And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, ¹⁹ And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. ²⁰ And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.*

Luke 14:15 *And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. ¹⁶ Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade (Called by Name) many: ¹⁷ And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, **Come; for all things are now ready.***

- **Those Called by Name! have an excuse!**

¹⁸ *And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. ¹⁹ And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. ²⁰ And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.*

- **Introduce and lead the feeble to the feast!**

²¹ *So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and **bring in (Introduce and lead in) hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.** ²² And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.*

- **Compel by constraint everyone to fill His house**

²³ *And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel (constrain) them to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden (Called by Name) shall taste of my supper.*

Matthew 22:1-14 *And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, ² The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, ³ And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden (Called by Name) to the wedding: and they would not come. ⁴ Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, **Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.***

- **Those called made light or disregarded the invitation**

⁵ *But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:*

- **The called violently treated those that invited them**

⁶ And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. ⁷ But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. ⁸ Then saith he to his servants, **The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.** ⁹ **Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.** ¹⁰ **So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.**

- **The king examined the guests and found one not properly clothed**

¹¹ And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: ¹² And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. ¹³ Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ¹⁴ **For many are called, but few are chosen.**

Respond or be rejected: THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB!

Revelation 19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: ² **For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.** ³ And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. ⁴ And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. ⁵ **And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.** ⁶ And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. ⁷ **Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.** ⁸ **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.** ⁹ **And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.** ¹⁰ And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: **I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.** ¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹² His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³ And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

Worship God through your Tithes, Offerings and Sacrifices:

2 Corinthians 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ⁷ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: ⁹ (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. ¹⁰ Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)