The Great Banquet- RSVP!
Luke 14:15-24

v. 15, “Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

Luke 14:16-24

Scene One: An Invitation Sent (v. 16-17)

“Come, for everything is now ready.”
  • A simple invitation
  • A sufficient invitation

Revelation 22:17

Scene Two: An Invitation Spurned (v. 18-20)

3 Excuses Given:
The first man let his possessions keep him away
The second man let his business keep him occupied
The third man let his relationship keep him from attending

“If we put first things first, we get second things thrown in, but if we put second things first, we lose both the first and second things.” — C.S. Lewis

Scene Three: An Invitation Spread (v. 21-24)

“General William Booth Enters Heaven”:

Walking lepers followed, rank on rank,
Lurching bravoés from the ditches dank ...
Vermin-eaten saints with mouldy breath,
Unwashed legions from the ways of death—
Drabs and vixens in a flash made whole!
Gone was the weasel-head, the snout, the jowl;
Sages and sibyls now, and athletes clean,
Rulers of empires, and of forests green!

Romans 1:16

John 3:16-18