

Scripture: God's Holy Law (Ex. 20) & Luke 14:1-24
Singing: 261:1-3 – 325:2-3 – 187:1-4 – 337:1-4 – 255:3-4

THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER

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I. The Great Supper Prepared

- A. The 'Great Supper' is Jesus' way of picturing His ministry – message

- B. The 'all things are now ready' pictures *God's provision* of salvation

- C. This great Supper is sweetest and most satisfying supper: Song 1:4b; 2:3

II. The open invitation extended

- A. Picture laden tables and not a single guest (vs. 21)
 - 1. The report of the servants brings dishonorable excuses (18-20)

 - 2. How did the host take this report? (vs. 21)

- B. Observe how master extends his invitation: vs. 21-23
 - 1. All the guests are similar

 - 2. Everyone has been welcomed to attend the feast

- C. The Gospel is more than declaration or invitation
 - 1. The invite has *authority* (vs. 17, 21, 23)

 - 2. The invite is offered to you personally (Canons II, 5)

Finally: The invite has 'use by date' (vs. 24; Is. 55:7)