

THE GREAT FEAST

◆ INTRODUCTION ◆

When someone invites you to do something, do you ever make excuses to say why you cannot come? In this story, a very important man decided to have a party and invite a lot of guests. But many of them gave reasons why they could not come.

◆ BIBLE READING: LUKE 14:15-24 ◆



15 When one of the guests sitting at the table heard this, he said to Jesus, "How happy are those who will sit down at the feast in the Kingdom of God!" **16** Jesus said to him, "There was once a man who was giving a

great feast to which he invited many people. **17** When it was time for the feast, he sent his servant to tell his guests, "Come, everything is ready!" **18** But they all began, one after another, to make excuses. The first one told the servant, "I have bought a field and must go and look at it; please accept my apologies."

19 Another one said, "I have bought five pairs of oxen and am on my way to try them out; please accept my apologies." **20** Another one said, "I have just gotten married, and for that reason I cannot come." **21** The servant went back and told all this to his master. The master was furious and said to his servant, "Hurry out to the streets and alleys of the town, and bring back the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." **22** Soon the servant said, "Your order has



been carried out, sir, but there is room for more.' **23** So the master said to the servant, "Go out to the country roads and lanes and make people come in, so that my house will be full. **24** I tell you all that none of those who were invited will taste my dinner!" "

◆ VOCABULARY ◆

(to) make excuses (v phr) – to give a reason why something is or is not done; often it is not a good reason and is given so that one does not have to face something

(to) accept (v) – to say that you agree to take something that is offered to you

apology (n) – something you say or write to tell someone that you are sorry

furious (adj) – extremely angry

alley (n) – narrow passage or street with walls or buildings on both sides

crippled (adj) – someone so seriously injured that they cannot move part of their body properly
lame (adj) – someone who is not able to walk properly because one or both of their legs are damaged
blind (adj) – someone who cannot see
(to) carry out (v phr) – to obey or follow instructions or a command

◆ QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE READING ◆

1. When the man invited people to his feast what did many people do?

2. How did the man respond to what these people did?

3. Who did the man finally decide to invite?

4. What did he say about the people he first invited?

◆ KEY VERSE: LUKE 14:15 ◆

“How happy are those who will sit down at the feast in the Kingdom of God!”

◆ ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ◆

1. What will it be like at the feast in the Kingdom of God?

2. Who will be at the feast in the Kingdom of God?

3. Who will not be at the feast in the Kingdom of God?

◆ APPLYING THE VOCABULARY TO YOUR LIFE ◆

Answer the questions using the **bolded** vocabulary words.

Example: Have you ever helped a **crippled** person?

Answer: I once helped a **crippled** man cross the street.

1. Do you ever **make excuses** for the things you don't do?

2. Is there anything that is hard for you to **accept**?

3. Have you ever had to make **apologies** to someone? When?

4. Does anything make you **furious**? What?

5. Is there anything you must **carry out**?

◆ CONCLUSION ◆

We do not want to miss the great feast in the Kingdom of God. Many people make excuses for not following God. These people will not get to taste this great feast. Instead, others will be invited. What can you do to be sure you are invited?

FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY, SEE REVELATION 19:9

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