

Your Invitation to *THE* Royal Wedding

Introduction:

- A. There are an estimated 6.8 billion people on this planet, and an estimated 2 billion of them paid some measure of attention to the “royal wedding” that took place on Friday in London, England.
- B. Why is humanity so fascinated with the stuff of royalty and weddings and fairy tales?

I. A Good King

- A. In *1 Samuel 8*, the people of Israel rejected God's established rule over them and demanded a human king who would lead them like the nations around them.
- B. In *1 Samuel 8:10-18*, Samuel told them what they could expect as a result.
- C. What was God up to?
 - 1. On the one hand, God was giving the people what they wanted.
 - 2. On the other hand, he was unfolding a mystery that would ultimately lead to a much greater King.

II. The Royal Wedding Feast

- A. The descendants of Abraham came to long for the age of the Messiah (*Isaiah 25*).
 - 1. *Isaiah 25:1-5*—human _____ will be overthrown by God.
 - 2. *Isaiah 25:6-8*—human _____ will be relieved by God.
 - 3. *Isaiah 25:9-12*—human _____ will be humbled by God.
- B. Enter Jesus of Nazareth, who delivers three parables in *Matthew 21:28-22:14*.
 - 1. *Matthew 21:28-32*—the parable of the two sons.
 - 2. *Matthew 21:33-46*—the parable of the wicked tenants.
 - 3. *Matthew 22:1-14*—the parable of the royal wedding feast.
- C. All of which leads to a breathtaking scene in heaven described by John (*Revelation 19*).
 - 1. What's the occasion? “*The marriage of the Lamb has come*” (*19:7*).
 - 2. Disciples of Christ are “*betrothed*” to “*one husband*” (*2 Corinthians 11:2*).
 - 3. Jesus has paid the dowry for his Bride with his own blood (*Ephesians 5:22-32*).
 - 4. By God's grace, the opportunity to be prepared is “*granted*” (*Revelation 19:7-8*).
- D. Disciple of Jesus, are you wearing your wedding garment? (*Matthew 22:11-13*)
 - 1. Are you guarding against the stains of sin? (*Colossians 3:5-9*)
 - 2. Are you dressing according to heaven's dress code? (*Colossians 3:12-17*)
- E. Previously uncommitted man or woman, are you willing to put on Christ? (*Galatians 3:26-27*)
- F. “*Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour*” (*Matthew 25:1-13*).