

# Wednesday, March 24

Today's Reading: Matthew Chapter 22

Today's Devotional Message is by Pastor Paul Baehmann

*And he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren't worthy of the honor. Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see." So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests he noticed a man who wasn't wearing the proper clothes for a wedding. "Friend" he asked, "How is it that you are here without wedding clothes?" But the man had no reply. Then the king said to his aides, "Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen. Matthew 22:8-14*

We are so blessed. We are able to begin each day knowing that no matter what our day has in store for us our God is more than adequately able to handle it. We live with the promise that God always works for good in the lives of those who love Him. So it is that we are able to live confidently and joyfully no matter what happens because we know that our God who loves us is looking out for us, and will finally when this life ends save us for all eternity to live with Himself in heaven forever.

Jesus does this all for us, not because we are deserving of His kindness, but simply because He loves us and wants us to be in a close personal relationship with Him. Jesus however didn't just die for us. He makes it very clear when He speaks to Nicodemus. (those words are recorded in the Gospel of John, chapter 3 verse 16. Jesus says, "For God loved **the world** so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life."

Our task is clear; just as the king sent out his servants to invite everyone to the marriage feast; so Jesus our King send all of us out to invite everyone to become a part of His family. This is very important, "Who will you invite today?" Jesus is relying on you.

Whether they end up believing, that is putting on the proper wedding garment, we have no control of that; that's between God and that individual. Our responsibility is simply to invite and encourage them to believe.

Prayer: We are so thankful for all that You do for us, especially for saving us. Help us now Lord Jesus to show You how thankful we are by inviting others to join us in this journey toward eternity. Amen.