

What About Your Wedding Garment?

Matthew 22:1-14



Spiritual Perspective

■ Two Spiritual Applications of Marriage

– Institution of Marriage

- God Designed
- One man, One woman, For life



– God's relationship with His people

- God Designed, **Galatians 3:26-27**
- Old Law- Physical Israel, School Master
- New Law- Spiritual Israel, All One



Old Testament Relationship

- **Deuteronomy 7:6**, God chose Israel *“to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.”*
- **Isaiah 54:1**, Israel called, God’s *“married wife”*
- **Jeremiah 3:8**, God said, *“Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce...”*
- **Ezekiel 16:32**, Israel was, *as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!*



Old Testament Relationship

■ Israel Forgot Her Wedding Attire and God

– **Jeremiah 2:32**, *“Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me...”*



– **Jeremiah 3:20**, *“Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel...”*

■ She Rejected God and Loved It

– **Jeremiah 5:31**, *“The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so...”*

Israel Was “Morally Bankrupt”

- **Jeremiah 6:13-15**, *“For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush...”*



Israel's Wedding Garment Was Stained!

- *She committed spiritual adultery*
- *She was in whoredom with the world*
- *She denied she was even in sin*
- *She shamefully rejected God as her husband*



New Testament Relationship

- Christ the bridegroom, Church the Bride
 - **Ephesians 5:22-32**, Relationship explained
 - Husband---Wife
 - Christ---Church
 - **2 Corinthians 11:2**, Paul said, ***“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”***



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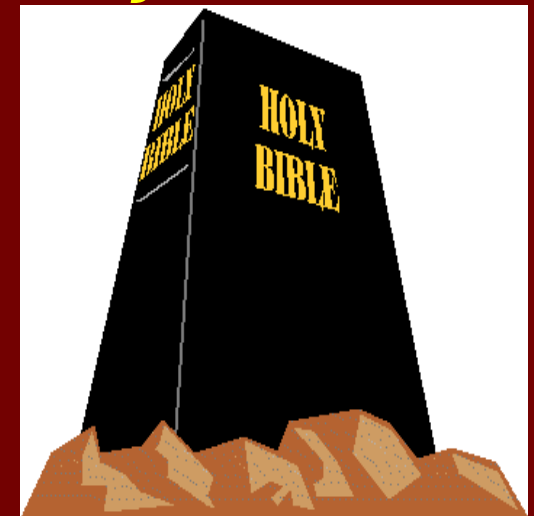
– **Matthew 25:1-13**, Parable of the 10 virgins

■ Jesus likens himself to a bridegroom

■ Virgins, those who are waiting his return

– **Revelation 21:2**, (Figurative reference)

John said, ***“I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”***



Wedding Feast Parable

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- Audience: Jews Claiming True Birthright
 - Vs. 3, Rejected Jesus, refused to come
 - Vs. 4-5, Made light of God's request
 - Vs. 6, Some even had abused God's prophets
 - Vs. 7, They will all be punished
 - Vs. 8, Those *"bidden were not worthy"*
 - Vs. 9-10, Others extended invitation
 - Good and bad
 - Great Commission, etc.



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- **Vs. 11,** One came without a garment
- **Vs. 12-14,** ***“And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.”***

What is The Wedding Garment?

- **John 3: 5**, *“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*
- **Acts 22:16**, *“Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins.”*
- **Romans 6:4**, *“...we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”*
- **Galatians 3:27**, *“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”*

Simple Conclusions

1. One not properly attired for the wedding feast will be **Eternally Lost.**
2. One who turns from Christ wears a robe stained with sin and will be **Eternally Lost.**
3. One who has never worn the wedding garment and one who no longer wears the wearing garment are both **Eternally Lost!!!**



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