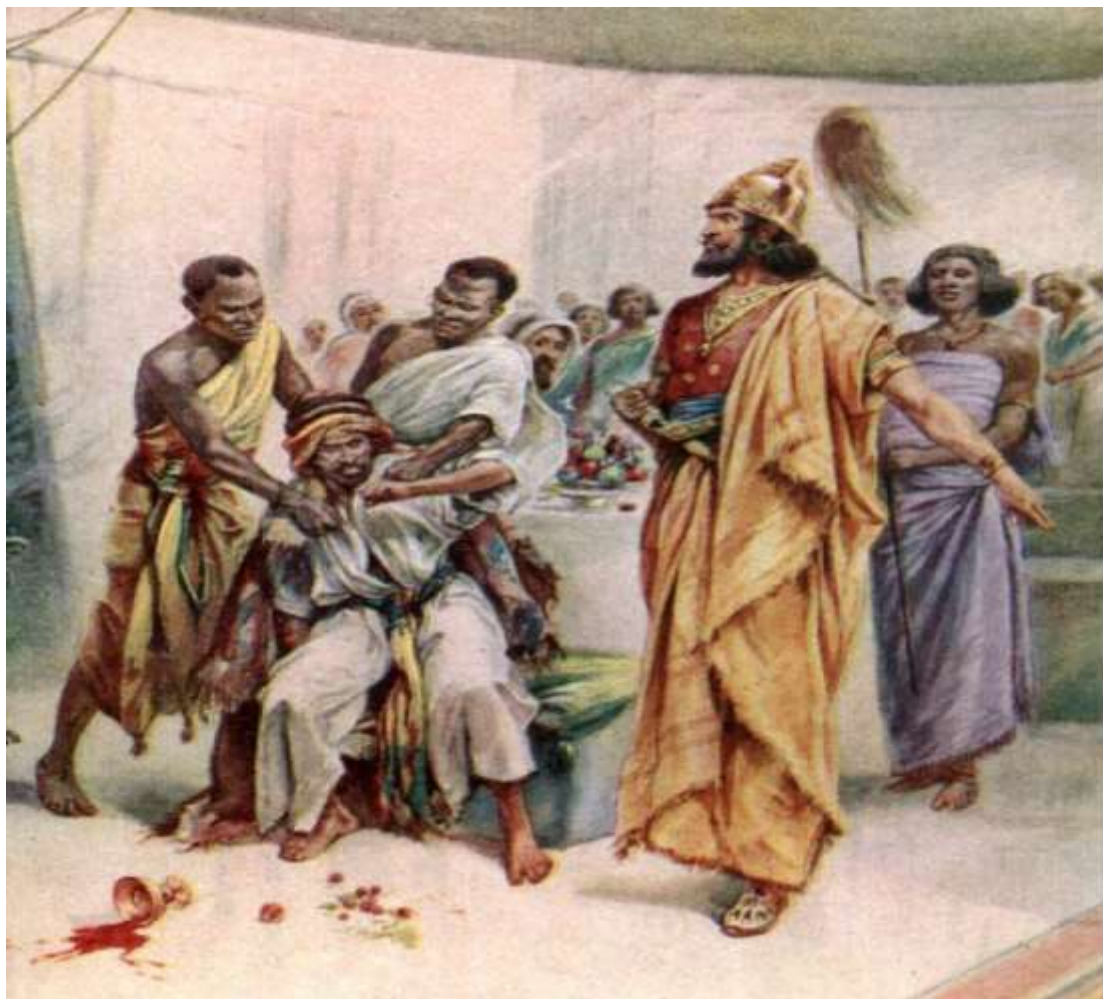


Parable of the Wedding Feast



Did you know...

In Jesus' time, weddings were celebrations for the whole neighbourhood.

It took nearly a week of celebrations for a man and a woman to get married.

People were expected to be respectful by wearing their best clothes.

If someone came to the feast without the proper clothes, they would be given something good to wear.

It would be very disrespectful to come to the feast and eat the food without taking the trouble to be properly dressed.

Light candle and read story first... directly from Bible.

Read Matthew 22:1-14

1 Jesus again in reply spoke to them in parables, saying,

2 "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.



3 He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.

4 A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."'

5 Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business.

6 The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

7 The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

8 Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come.

9 Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.'

10 The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.

11 But when the king came in to meet the guests he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment.

12 He said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence.



13 Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

14 Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Snuff candle.

Think about the story...

Jesus wants us to learn something important about God his Father...

In the story, who do you think the king might be?

Who might we be in this story?

Who is God inviting to his feast?

What choices might we need to make if we are to enjoy the wedding feast?

When in our life do we receive a special white garment, and what does it mean?

What kind of choices do you think might have been made by the man who refused to wear the right garment?