

## **MAKING LIGHT OF GOD'S INVITATION**

### **Matthew 22:2-5**

**Introduction:** Everyone has things that are of priority, things that seem to demand one's attention, things that a person likes better than other things, things that are more important than others, although to others those things don't seem to be so important. Jesus told a parable about how some people put the things of God aside, even reject them as being bothersome and in the way. What is important to God should be important to us.

### **I. THINK ABOUT JUST "WHO" IT IS THAT IS INVITING MAN (US)**

1. It is not some other average, normal, person.
2. It is Almighty God! Think about it! God is interested in us!
3. The God who is full of love and also judgment is concerned about us.

### **II. THINK ABOUT WHAT MAN (WE) ARE BEING INVITED TO**

1. God has gone to a lot of preparation and cost to invite us to eternal life.
2. God wants us to have eternal fellowship with Him in a place He has prepared just for us.
3. God wants us to do things for Him, be of service to Him and His Family.

### **III. WHAT EXCUSE COULD ONE POSSIBLY GIVE TO SAY "NO" TO GOD?**

1. Is God's invitation to become a part of His Family that unimportant?
2. Is "doing your own thing," going about your own business more important than God's invitation?
3. Putting God off, "think about it later" is but Satan's workings.

### **IV. GIVE SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT TO THE RESULTS**

1. If one accepts God's invitation:
  - There is immediate salvation, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, adoption by God.
  - Eternity in Heaven with God and the Lord Jesus, is assured and a home prepared.
  - There is joy, peace, service, acceptance into the Family of God.
2. If one rejects, ignores, refuses, is indifferent, defiant of God's invitation:
  - There is rejection of blood-bought opportunity to become a child of God.
  - There is rejection of God's authority.
  - There is rejection of the greatest privilege to come to mankind.
  - There is rejection of eternal life in Heaven.
  - There is certain eternal damnation.

- There is for certain an eternity in Hell.
- There is for certain the loss of countless blessings.

**CONCLUSION:**

1. God invites everyone to have eternal life through His Son, Jesus Christ.
2. God expects and equips His family to serve Him through His Church.
3. God rewards the very least thing done for another out of love and obedience to the Lord Jesus.
4. To reject God in any way is DISOBEDIENCE.
5. Take an inventory of your own life - how many invitations from God have you rejected?