

What's The Simplest Way To Miss Out On Heaven? (Luke 14:15-24)

Answer: _____

Jesus told a parable about people who rejected the Lord. But they were not vile, wicked, or violent. The Lord called them, He wanted them to be with Him and enjoy His blessings. Yet, they just came up with excuses about why they should not respond. It's the simplest way to be alienated from the Lord.

I. The Christian Life Is _____ Living

- A. Like a great supper (Luke 14:16) with many guests!
- B. NOT preaching Health, Wealth, and Prosperity false gospels.
- C. Your life as a Christian is better compared to what the world brings (Prov. 4:19; 13:15).
- D. Jesus looks on the Kingdom as a great feast.

II. God's _____ And Our _____

- A. When all is ready, messengers were sent to bring all the guests in (Luke 14:17-21).
- B. Guests begin making excuses.
 - 1. A New _____ (v.18). Material Possessions. Expensive. Strange!
 - 2. 10 _____ (v.19). Business Professions. Expensive. Strange!
 - 3. A new _____ (v.20). Personal Relationships. Rude and Strange!
- C. Parable is symbolic: God's invitation – salvation and fellowship through the gospel (Mark 16:15-16; Rev. 22:17; Rom. 1:16).
- D. Don't people make the same sorts of excuses, though?
 - 1. Excuse: I'm not going to follow Christ because of my _____.
 - 2. Excuse: I'm not going to be baptized because I have a career. Others say, Once I get my profession established then I will give attention to God.
 - 3. Excuse: I'm not going to become a Christian because of a _____.
 - 4. Many more excuses...
 - a. Excuse: I could never be _____ enough.
 - b. Excuse: I have to _____ myself and live right and then I will become a Christian.
 - c. Excuse: Right now I have _____ to do.
- E. What do you want to be excused from?

III. God's _____ And Your _____

- A. Think on how the Lord will have a full banquet (Luke 14:22-23).
- B. His servants _____ (with love) people to come and be filled (Luke 14:23).
- C. Will you become a Christian now?
 - 1. Hear the word of God – Rom. 10:17
 - 2. Believe the gospel – John 3:16
 - 3. Repent of Sin – Acts 2:38
 - 4. Confess your faith, make your allegiance known – Acts 8:37
 - 5. Baptism, immersion in water – Acts 22:16