> *“For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my banquet.”- Luke 14:24 (NIV)*

When we read Luke 14:16–24, Jesus tells a parable about a man who prepared a great banquet. On the day of the feast, he sent his servant to invite those who had been called. But their responses were disappointing. Instead of coming, each gave an excuse:

- One said, “I have bought a field, and I must go and see it; please excuse me.”
- Another said, “I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them; please excuse me.”
- Another said, “I just got married, so I cannot come.”

The master of the house was very angry—not because they had plans, but because they deliberately ignored his invitation. Notice carefully: they did not refuse at the first invitation before the feast began. Instead, they waited until the day when everything was ready, making excuses at the very moment they were supposed to celebrate. This shows they had no intention of attending from the start; they simply pretended emergencies had arisen.

At the end of the parable, Jesus emphasizes:

> *Luke 14:24 – “For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my banquet.”*

Why repeat it? Why stress that none of those invited will taste the feast? Because refusing God’s invitation has eternal consequences. If you decline and ignore the call, even warnings will come too late.

To illustrate, consider this story:

A friend of mine joined military training after completing school, hoping for a job afterward. Unfortunately, recruitment never came, and training ended. Later, an opportunity arose to volunteer for a major project—building a wall around a mine. It was unpaid, purely voluntary. Most refused, thinking it a waste of time. A few, including my friend, accepted and worked hard under difficult conditions. When finished, they received certificates and, eventually, were offered official positions in recognition of their efforts.

Those who refused initially regretted it. They tried bribery, connections, and extra effort—but it was too late. They had missed the opportunity.

This mirrors the feast of the Lamb today. Millions are invited to eternal life, but very few respond. Many make excuses:

- “Salvation is pointless.”
- “It will make me poor.”
- “What I have now is better than anything I would gain there.”
- “I cannot give up my sinful business yet.”
- “I’ve tried following God, and I see no benefit.”

All of these are reasons—and sometimes deeply serious ones—but one day, the truth will be revealed. Those who rejected God’s invitation will wish they had accepted—but it will be too late.

Those invited initially ignored the feast, thinking they would have to give, not realizing the host intended to bless them. How would you feel if you rejected a wedding thinking you had to give gifts, only to discover you were the one receiving them? This is what awaits those who ignore God’s call.

When the saints enter heaven, those who refused the invitation today will see God’s prepared glory and rejoice with what they missed—but they themselves will have nothing. They will witness beauty, joy, and rewards they never imagined, while they remain outside, regretting their refusal.

You may try to enter later, but it will be impossible. This is God’s Word:

> *Luke 14:24 – “For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my banquet.”*

Beloved, the opportunity is near. Life is fleeting, and eternity is real. If you keep chasing the empty promises of this world, you will lose your soul. Now is the time to act: repent and turn to Christ, answering His call before it is too late.

> *Revelation 19:9 (NIV) – “Then the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’ And he added, ‘These are the true words of*

> *God.’”*

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