

THE CHOSEN FEW

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Prayer

Father we pray that as we start today's study you will start with us in Jesus' name, let us be the doer of your word in Jesus name. Amen

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Matt.22.14 - For many are called, but few are chosen.

Study

For some time now, we have been discussing the parable of the king's son as told by the Lord Jesus Christ in the book of **Matthew 22**. Let us go further. After the Lord Jesus Christ said that the king ordered that the man without the wedding garment should be cast into outer darkness, He made a clear yet deep statement: "Many are called, but few are chosen." Many are invited to the wedding feast, but few are chosen. It appears that many are called through the trumpet of God's Word. Many appear to come towards the direction, but few are chosen out of them. The fact that a person heeds the call does not mean they will be chosen.

When a man lacks saving grace after heeding the call, such a person will not be chosen. The man in the parable accepted the invitation but came short of the true saving grace, and thus he was cast out. Today, many are called who did not even heed the call at all but went about their normal businesses, finding no sense in the call. Others came but without a wedding garment; that is, they came pretense and not with total surrender to Christ. Some came with pure motives but could not maintain

their stand and so were not finally chosen to attend the wedding of the king's son. The wedding was to start when the king came to see his guests, but some were found short of the necessary criteria. In the same way today, many are called, and they have come into the church in their multitude, but are not truly part of the church. This set of people will not be chosen at the end of the day but will be cast into outer darkness. It is the responsibility of everyone to take heed to themselves, lest they fall short. For it is possible to work tirelessly among the fold and not be chosen at last. Those who will be chosen are those who do what is necessary before the king comes.

Many are called today, many look like Christians, many claim to be Christians, but out of those many, only a few will be chosen. This is why we must not look to the ways of "many" as our standard of living. The fact that many are doing it does not make it right before God. Only the few that are chosen will find the narrow way. **Luke 13:24 KJV** "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Many will seek to enter and partake of the glorious wedding of the king's son, but they will not be able to enter.

Are you following me please?

Many in the church today seek to enter Heaven. In fact, if you ask the congregation who wants to make Heaven, everyone would raise their hands because many seek to enter Heaven. Pastors and brethren want to make Heaven. Sinners in the choir and other church workforces want to make Heaven. Yet, many, because those who do God's will are fewer than those who obey Satan, will not be able to enter. Though they want to, though they wish to, their wish will not be converted into reality, and the reason is simple: they do not have a wedding garment. The

garment of righteousness, which stands against any sinful lifestyle, is missing from them.

It must be noted that what makes it hard to make Heaven is the difficulty in leaving behind a sinful life. Every sinful lifestyle makes it hard to get a garment of righteousness and maintain it. The reason many will not be able to enter is simply that they find it hard to leave their sins. The gate to Heaven is very narrow and cannot accommodate even the tiniest sin. They are therefore shut out. Though they seek to enter, their sins will shut them out. Though they received the invitation to the wedding, their sins will find them out before the wedding starts, and they will be cast into outer darkness because they do not have the righteous garments on them.

Therefore, heeding the call is not enough. Seeking what is necessary to receive the garment of righteousness is important. You must come to Christ genuinely and forsake every form of hypocrisy. You must seek to be justified and sanctified and forsake every sinful way. Then we get to strive. When talking about striving, it means to exert serious effort or energy, not as a mere function of God's grace, but to contend for something, which is done with seriousness and great caution. **Jude 1:3 KJV** "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

This does not mean that you are working for your salvation, but that you are working it out, taking careful watch over your way of life so that you will not regret it at the end. Many are on their way to hellfire. You must be mindful of the path the multitude treads on, for it is always the convenient way. Seeking an easy way to Heaven leads to the destination of hellfire. The way to the

Kingdom of God is hard and difficult. You must know this if you are to be chosen at the end. You must be wary of any shortcut to the Kingdom of God, for the true way is always difficult because it will take many things away from you.

- It will take your time.
- It will take your will away from you.
- It will take your old behaviors and lifestyles away from you.
- It can make you be hated by even your family members.
- It will change your company and association.
- It will take your personal and fleshy desires from you.
- It will caution the places you go.
- It will redefine your appetite.
- It will filter the things you see.
- The things you see with your eyes will be filtered, and what you hear with your ears will change.
- The things you say and the songs you sing will change, and many other things.

Looking at all these, they are difficult to do. Many are doing them, yet they will not give up their sinful parts for any reason. This is what is taking the wedding garment from them. Though they have a show of religion, they will not be chosen. Those who live to please the Lord, aiming at pleasing Him in all things, denying themselves the pleasures and goodies of this world, are those who will be chosen. With your current lifestyle, would you be chosen? Those who will be chosen will have eternal rest from their labors. Although they may currently experience pain, it is only temporary, unlike enjoying the temporary pleasures of this world now and then living to regret eternity.

Starting well does not guarantee ending well. The race is not to the swift, neither the battle to the strong. **Romans 9:16 KJV** "So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of

God that sheweth mercy." As we strive to enter this narrow gate, let us ask God for His mercy and grace to see us through, and we should not use grace as a license to sin. Our focus should be on the things above, where the Lord is, and not on things on Earth, fearing lest we fall short of that eternal glory.

May we all be among the chosen few in Jesus' name. Amen.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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