

Sermon Notes

July 19, 2020

“Party Invitation” -Luke 14:15-24

Christians love to party

- Parties in the Bible
 - Nehemiah 8:17
 - Luke 2:10
 - Luke 15:7

The Party still to come

- “Wedding Feast of the Lamb”
 - Revelation 19:7, 9
 - Isaiah 25:6

The Parable (story) of the Banquet – Luke 14:15-24

- Invitations to banquets were an honour
- Excuses, excuses
 - Deuteronomy 20:5-9 – but only in wartime
- A furious host!
 - Luke 14:24

POINT 1: God’s Salvation is Gracious

- The banquet is free
- Our salvation is free
 - Story of Maria Fedorovna and the pardoned prisoner
 - Our salvation is not “do”, but “done”!
 - A famous sermon
 - Romans 3:23-25a

POINT 2: Our Excuses are Lamé

- Guests’ priorities, plans, and pleasures more important?
- “Every decision is a discipleship decision”
- Devotional lives that are going nowhere – at a standstill
 - Luke 14:24
 - “Nominal Christianity”
 - Hold on to God – Job 19:25

POINT 3: God’s Generosity can never be Sabotaged

- Isaiah 25 in Jesus’ day
- No one is excluded
- Christianity is exclusive because Jesus is the only way (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)

- God's salvation is available to anyone – and available to you and me today

We are a party people. William Barclay: “a Christian is like someone who is forever at a wedding feast.”