**R810 - Rumination for Aug. 9, 2020 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **The Suppers in Scripture**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *A certain man made* ***a great supper****.* Lk. 14:16

The **T**hots:

Intro. Four **S**uppers are mentioned in the New Testament **S**criptures, viz. …

1. **The Great Supper in a Parable. Lk. 14:15-25**
2. The **I**nvita**tion** and the **E**xplanation– Lk. 14:16, 17
   1. It was a **G**rand **B**anquet: *A certain man made* ***a great supper****.*
   2. Many **G**uests were **B**idden*: and bade many: Come; for all things are now ready.*
3. The Rejec**tion** and the **E**xcuses – *And they all with one consent began to make excuse.*  Lk. 14:16
4. **O**ne had **P**urchased a **P**roperty: 14:8

*The first said…I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it… have me excused.*

Ct. The Rich fool:

1. *And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.* Luke 12:19-21
2. *For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*  Mk. 8:36
3. The **O**ther wanted to **P**rove his **P**ossessions: 14:19

*Another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused*.

1. Still, **O**ne **O**ther had just married his **P**ersonal **P**artner: 14:20

*And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.*

Ct*. He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.* Mt. 10:37

1. The Indigna**tion** and the resultant **E**xtension of the **I**nvitation to others: Lk. 14:21

*The master…being angry said, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in thither…*

1. *The* *Poor* – they were those not **W**orthy; they had no **M**erit to show.
2. The *Maimed and the Halt* – they were those who could not **W**alk, they were **M**aimed.
3. The *Blind* – they were those who could not see their **W**ay, their vision was **M**arred.
4. Those in *the* ***H****ighways and* ***H****edges…compel them to come in, that my* ***H****ouse may be filled.* Lk. 14:23

* All could not **W**ork. They had to depend on the **G**raciousness, **G**enerosity and **G**oodness of the **H**ost.

*For by* ***G****race are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the* ***G****ift of* ***G****od.* Eph. 2:8

1. **The Supper of the Great God. Rev. 19:17***And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the* ***supper of the great God****…*
2. This is the *Battle of that* ***G****reat Day of* ***G****od the* ***A****lmighty*. Rev. 16:14
3. This is the Battle of ***A****rmageddon*. Rev. 16:15, 16
4. This is the Battle with the Beast and his **A**rmies. Rev. 19:17-19

* And all will be **S**laughtered for ***S****upper* for the **S**cavenger Birds

and cast into the Lake of Fire to **S**uffer Eternally. Rev. 19:19-21

1. **The Wedding Supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:7-9**
2. The **A**nnouncement: *Let us be glad and* ***R****ejoice, and give honour to Him:*  Rev. 19:7

*for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself* ***R****eady.*

1. The **A**rray: *to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white:*

*for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints*. Rev. 19:8

1. The **A**ffirmed Blessing of the Invited: Rev. 19:9

*And he saith…Write, Blessed are they which are called unto* ***the marriage supper of the Lamb****.*

*And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.*

1. **The Lord’s Supper. I Cor. 11:20, 23-26**
2. Its **C**ommand to **O**bey. I Cor. 11:25b, 26
3. *This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.*
4. *For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.*
5. Its **C**ommemoration of **O**beisance. I Cor. 11:24
6. *When He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat…this do in remembrance of Me.*
7. *Also He took the cup…saying…this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.*  11:25
8. **Its Caution to Observe. I Cor. 11:28**

*But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.*

*I’m invited to a supper, ’Tis a marriage feast and grand,*

*’Tis the greatest of all banquets Ever known on sea or land;*

*There will be a countless host of guests, The Bridegroom and the Bride,*

*And all who to this supper go, On shining clouds shall ride.* F.E. Rimanoczy

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 810**

1. Those invited to ***The Great Supper*** in the Lord’s Parable (Lk. 14:15-25) would represent God’s People, the Jews. The Gospel invitation was first to the Jews, Rom. 1:16

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;* ***to the Jew first****, and also to the Greek* (Gentiles)

But the Jews rejected the Messiah Whom God sent to redeem them. Thus, it is recorded in Scripture in John 1:11 - *He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.*

When Pilate presented Jesus to the Jews as their king, they disclaimed Him outright and rejected Him. (Jn. 19:14-15) **-** *It was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he* (Pilate) *saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King?*

*The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.*

Thus, in the Lord’s Parable of the Great Supper, (Lk. 14:21-24), *the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.*

Thus, the Jews having rejected the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the invitation was extended to the Gentiles (*the poor, the maimed, and the halt, and the blind*) even as Paul declared: *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;* ***to the Jew first****, and also* ***to the Greek* (Gentiles).**

(Eph. 2:11-13) - *Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*

Thus today, both Jews and Gentiles who are prepared to receive Christ as their Redeemer and Saviour have been accepted to participate in the Gospel Feast.

Have you accepted the Lord’s invitation to this Great Supper of His Salvation? **REFLECT**

1. Both Jews and Gentiles who Believe in Jesus are Baptized into His One Body (I Cor. 12:13) – *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles.* This Body is the espoused Bride of Christ (II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:24, 25). In the future day, the Bride will be married to Christ, and all the Old Testament saints and those martyred during the Great Tribulation together with all in the Millennium will be invited to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9) – *And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto* ***the marriage supper of the Lamb****. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.*

Will you be the bride at this Supper or just a guest? **REFLECT**

1. Those who reject the Lord’s invitation to His Great Supper of Salvation will one day be forced to attend **the Supper of the Great God** when their flesh will be eaten by the scavengers after the Battle of Armageddon between the Lord’s armies and the armies of the Beast. Rev. 19:17-21 –

*And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto* ***the supper of the great God****; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.*

*And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

*And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.*

Today if you have accepted the Lord’s invitation to His Supper of Salvation, you need to **R**emember and **R**evere Him **R**egularly (every Lord’s Day?) at the Lord’s Supper. Are you?

**REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:**

*Be the Bride of the Lamb now and you will not be their Guest in the future!*