

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER.

MATT. XXII.

THE thing in this parable is, that the condemnation depended not on anything in the person, but in the rejection of the invitation that was given. Christ first sent to the Jews (His friends) to invite them to the kingdom. Then He dies and is raised from the dead. He sends again, saying, "All things are ready, come unto the marriage." They rejected the invitation; and as for the servants, they slew them. So now, if any are rejecting the gospel of Christ, it is the same thing as if they had crucified God's Son. God is saying to you, "All things are now ready." My dinner is ready; "my oxen and my fatlings are killed;"—Christ has died, and is risen again. There is not a thing to be done. All is ready; and yet it is shown that men prefer their five yoke of oxen to the gift of the only-begotten Son of God—God thus presses on the conscience of the men, "My oxen and my fatlings are killed; come unto the marriage." But they made light of it; and went their ways, one to his farm, and another to his merchandise, etc. God says by His servants, the supper is ready, all things are prepared—and then, not come on a certain day to supper; but, because Jesus is dead and risen, God has accomplished for Himself all things for His own glory in the perfect and finished

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