

invited to rejoice therein, but refused. After Jesus had gone up to heaven, He sent His servants with new messages of grace to them, pressing them to come to the prepared feast, but as the Acts of the Apostles tells us, they again refused, and they persecuted, and killed, the messengers of the Lord. The anger of God was then brought to the full against them; Jerusalem, their city, was taken and destroyed by the Romans; great numbers of themselves perished; and those who were left were scattered over all the earth; a standing judgment, witnessing to the truth of the scriptures.

The Jews having thus refused the grace of God which brings salvation, God did not however abandon His purpose of honoring His Son, and He sent His servants to the Gentiles, as said the apostle Paul to the Jews who opposed him: "It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles." (Acts xiii. 46). "Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it." (Acts xxviii. 28). The invitation is sent to the whole world: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." (Titus ii. 11). The servants of the Lord have to bid all they find; none are excluded—whoever you are; wherever you are; whatever you are; *you* are invited; come, for all is ready. Rich or poor, wise or foolish, great or little, old or young, *all* are included.

Reader, you are invited, will you come? Take care