

## HAVE YOU A WEDDING GARMENT?

“THE kingdom of heaven” said Jesus, “is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son.”

People had been invited to this marriage feast, and when all is ready, according to the customs of those countries, slaves are sent to those who have received invitations to tell them to come. But the bidden, refuse the invitation, they despise the message, and go their several ways; some even insulting and killing the messengers of the king. In his righteous anger the king destroys those murderers and burns their city.

But it is his wish that his son should be honored, and that the wedding feast which has been prepared should be furnished with guests. He therefore sends his slaves with this command: “Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.” The slaves obey the orders of the king, they gather all they find, both bad and good, and the place is filled.

This parable of the Lord's, is a striking illustration of the invitations the gospel addresses to men, and how they have been received. The purpose of God is, that His beloved Son should be honored; the marriage supper is *for Him*. The children of Israel were those bidden as we see in the prophetic scriptures; the promises of blessing had been given to them, and when the Lord was upon the earth they were

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