

Matthew 22 : 1-14—Memory Verses, 8, 9.

Golden Text—Many are called, but few are chosen.—Matthew 22 : 14.

1 And Je'sus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding : and they would not come.

4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner : my oxen, and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready : come unto the marriage.

5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise :

6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth : and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as

many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good : and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment :

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment ? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness ; there shall he weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While Jesus was teaching in the temple, He spoke still another parable. He said there was once a king who made a marriage feast for his son ; but, when he sent out his servants to tell the invited guests that the feast was ready, they would not come. He sent to them again, saying, "My oxen and my fatlings have been killed for my dinner, and all things are ready ; therefore come to the marriage."

But some turned away and would not listen, while others took the servants, and treated them cruelly, and slew them. When the king heard this, he was very angry, and sent out his soldiers to destroy those wicked murderers and to burn up their city. Afterwards, he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those who were invited were not

worthy to come to it ; go out, therefore, into the streets and lanes, and ask all whom you meet to the marriage." So the servants went out and gathered all the people they could find, and brought them in.

Now the king had provided beautiful garments for those who should sit down at his feast, and one of these garments was offered to each person as he came into the house for him to put on.

But when the king went into the feast, he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment, and he said to him, "Friend, how camest thou in here without a wedding garment ?" And the man was silent, for he had refused it when it was offered him. Then the king said to his servants, "Bind his hands and his feet, and take him away and