

them, and the necessity is even greater when the guests are taken from the highways.

God has provided that every one invited may have a wedding garment; a robe which corresponds to His holiness, and which proclaims, not the virtue of the one covered, but the King's thoughts as to His Son. Without that you will be cast out.

No one can say that the robe is not for him. "The righteousness of God * * is unto all, and upon all them that believe." (Rom. iii. 22). The righteousness of God is what you need and that is Christ—it is upon all who believe in Him. If you present yourself before God clothed like Cain, in your own righteousness, you will be rejected like him. "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;" an impure thing in God's sight. But if you see yourself a lost sinner; helpless, and unworthy to stand before God; and if you believe in the Lord Jesus, and His work of atonement; God declares you righteous, and admits you to all the blessings of salvation now, and to heaven soon. "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (II Cor. v. 21). And this is the price at which the robe has been acquired. *Have you put it on?* without it, you will not be able to remain in the banquet hall, even though you have entered.

"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

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