

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Come, for all things are now ready."—Luke 14: 17.

LESSON PLAN.

1. The Feast,
2. The Invitation,
3. The Conduct of those invited,
4. The Doom of the disobedient,

DAILY READINGS.

- M. The marriage feast, Matt. 22: 1-14.
T. The supper of the Lamb, Rev. 19: 5-10.
W. The white robe. Rev. 7: 9-17.
T. Whosoever will, Rev. 22: 13-21.
F. Wisdom's invitation, Prov. 9: 1-12.
S. Folly of refusal, Prov. 1: 20-33.
S. Wicked excuses, Luke 14: 15-24.
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CATECHISM.

Q. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a redeemer.

LESSON HYMNS.

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HELPS TO KEEP THE LESSON.

1. Wherein does the Kingdom of God consist?
2. What led Jesus to speak the parable in the lesson and the two preceding ones?
3. Why did Jesus speak in parables?
4. What are the chief spiritual wants of men, that are met by what the marriage feast signifies?
5. Who are meant by the King's servants?
6. Name the several classes of people meant by the term servants.
7. What is meant by "all things are ready"?
8. Why is it criminal to make light of the invitations of the gospel?
9. Show how the Jews dealt with God's messengers, and the consequences of their conduct.
10. What is meant by God being *wroth*?
11. How does He show His wrath?
12. How do men become *unworthy* to enjoy the feast of the gospel?
13. How are bad men to be regarded and treated by us?
14. How did Jesus deal with such?

HELPS TO LIVE THE LESSON.

The Kingdom of God exists in our hearts.

Christ, the King of kings, dwells in our hearts by faith. Luke 17: 21; Eph. 3: 17.

It is in the world but not of the world; Matt. 13: 38; Jno. 18: 36.

It is in the world to come—in eternity. John 14: 1-3; Matt. 8: 11.

It is spiritual. Its laws, enjoyments and rewards are spiritual, consisting not in meat and drink, but in righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Jno. 18: 36; Rom. 14: 17.

It is of the utmost importance to us, and should be sought "first," while we are young, and above everything. Matt. 6: 33; Luke 13: 24.

We may seek other thing and not get them, but seeking this we *shall* find.

God makes full provision to save us from sin—from its power, its pollution and its penalty.

He goes to infinite trouble in urging us by His servants, His truth, His Spirit, and His providences, to accept pardon and life and glory.

The responsibility of accepting or rejecting His offers and invitations rests upon all who hear the gospel.

We may mingle with God's people now and pass as saints, but the Master will one day separate all deceivers from His guests.

The great sin of the world is unbelief, despising and rejecting Christ and His salvation.

This will be punished in the outer darkness of eternity.

ANSWER IN WRITING.

1. In what way did God prepare the gospel feast?
2. What are the chief evidences of the sinfulness of men in relation to this feast?
3. Show that where sin abounds grace doth much more abound.
4. Show that God is just, as well as abundant in mercy.