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Statement by a Jew prompted parable. V. 15. "shall eat in the kingdom..."

Jesus: What is wrong with NOW???

Problem: Kingdom at hand and Jews refusing to come into it. Rejecting the Lord!!!

I. THE PARABLE. as it related to them.

1. CERTAIN MAN: Creator. Owns all. I C.10:26
2. A great supper: Inv. into kingdom; the church is about to be established.
4. Servant sent: Sent 70 and the 12! 2nd Inv.


WHAT JESUS FELT ABOUT THIS: Land static and could be seen next day. (still there!) Oxen safe, see next morn. Wife invited. Bring with Point: They cared not for the Spiritual.

6. 3rd Invitation: V. 21. Poor, mained, halt and the blind. (Lost sheep rejected!)
7. Yet Room: Generosity of God. Liberality of love. Bigness of church!! ALL come
9. Compel them: Let love entreat them, plead, persuade, implore and urge them
10. House may be filled! Room for all. No limit on God's grace, love or forgiveness.

II. PARABLE AS IT APPLIES TO US TODAY.

1. God, our feast-giver, benefactor. J.1:17
2. Great Spiritual Feast: in church. E.1:3
3. All invited in. Matt. 28:19. Mk. 16:15-1
And they all with one accord began to make excuse.

4. SERVANTS SENT: Teachers, preachers, elders, missionaries, radio, TV, Mag., newspaper.

5. Far too many are making excuses!!!!

1. Differences between REASONS & EXCUSES. **REASON** that which **ADDAQUATELY** explains an **APPARENT** fault.

III. DEPRESSION DAYS: Note from mother to teacher, "Dear Mum, please excuse Monty for missing school yesterday. He only had one pair of pants and I washed 'em and hung them on the line and Mrs. Bale's GOAT come and ate them off the line...and that ought to be excuse enough...Goodness knows." (Williams, 83)

III. NOTE dictated by Bert to mother for school absence. "Please excuse Bert from school yesterday, he was sick because of illness." **REASON**!

**REASONS INCLUDE:** Illness, missions of mercy and unforeseen accidents or breakdowns. (Land, oxen nor new wife qualifies!!!)

**EXCUSE:** that which unsuccessfully attempts to justify a fault.

III. Chicken thief: To judge: "It was my hand and arm that stole those chickens your honor." JUDGE: "Then I sentence your hand and arm to 60 days in jail---your body is free to go."

Bit of wisdom: "Worst buy at the market place today is the ALI BY."

6. Many men also see excuses as Jesus did.

III. Matthew Henry Commentary: "It is very criminal, when we are called to any duty to make excuses for our neglect of it; it is a sign that there ARE convictions of duty; but no inclination to it. (Comm. P. 1466)

III. JESUS INVITES ALL MEN TO OBEY THE GOSPEL AND COME INTO HIS SPR FEAST TODAY.


A. WE ARE STILL HEARING MANY EXCUSES:

1. HYPOCRITES: Not a Reason! only excuse.
   a. Half-hearted, insincere, lazy on every team I ever coached. Class I ever taught. Club I was ever in. Members didn't quit team---class---club. Ignored them.
b. Others entering kingdom in spite of H. 

c. BETTER to assoc. with them little while on earth, rather than spend eternity with them in Hell!!!!!!

2. NOT GOOD ENOUGH. Not reason; excuse. 5:8. 

b. LIKE: "I'm sick, and when I get better I'm going to hospital." Die!!
c. Formulea for goodness: II Cor. 5:17.

3. CAN'T UNDERSTAND BIBLE. Excuse, not reasc 

a. Millions can and do. II Tim. 2:15. 
b. God says you can understand. 3:16-17. 

4. MY PARENTS FORCED ME TO CHURCH. Eph.6:4! 

a. Many faithful Christians thank parents today for forcing them to do right. 
b. YOU still doing OTHER THINGS parents FORCED you to do: eat right, sleep right, bathe, wear coat etc. EXCUSE!!!

5. MY PARENTS NEVER TAUGHT ME RELIGION. 

a. Many, many in Kingdom today in that same condition. Explain difference??
b. You are on your own! II Cor. 6:2.

NO REASON for a single soul being lost today! Illnesses, accidents, missions of mercy etc. have not prevented OTHERS!!!!!! excuse

NO excuses accepted. Land, oxen, wife, ignorant parents, hypocrites. None are genuine.

GOD'S LOVE REACHES OUT TO YOU - INV. TO FEAST. 

CHRIST'S LOVE REACHES OUT - INV. TO FEAST. 

BRETHREN HERE REACH OUT IN LOVE - INV. TO FEAST.