

than anything else upon this earth. God loves you. He is someone who yearns to fill the emptiness in your life that sometimes occurs. We all experience these times and sometimes the scars from it, can last a lifetime, but don't let that happen because God can heal and take the pain away.

God is love, and he wants to pour out his love on all his creation. He fills the void that is gnawing away at those who are lonely and rejected. He knows what you are going through, and he doesn't want you to go through it alone. God wants you to feel comforted and loved.

God wants you so much, that he gave his most prized possession to gain you for his kingdom. You have

heard of the Parable of the Pearl, this is God in action. Yes; God is the Creator of all things and he is royal and majestic. He could have given and sent along an Archangel, Cherubim or Seraphim for you, one of the top creations in his Creation. But he wanted you so much because you are the best he wants to have in his kingdom. And the best he could give to gain you was his beloved Son Jesus, who himself, was willing to go all the way to death on a cross so that his Father my gain you forever in his kingdom.

Why do we put up with so much pain, hurt and rejection, chasing after what is fleeting when we have a Saviour who loves us for what we are: shortcomings included! God has sent out his invitation and I'm glad that you are willing to accept it, just like I have. Amen.

He is doing this because he worships you; it is not always his creation that does the worshipping. That's why he gives his great love and mercy to the whole world so that whoever

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PARABLE OF THE WEDDING BANQUET

Text: MATT. 22: 1-14.

TEXT: MATTHEW prices of everything all over the world at this very moment. People who have shares and who have superannuation on the market are scared, and are much, he even sent out shaking at the moment; an invitation for you to because they could end celebrate with him in his up losing their life kingdom forever.

THEME: To know and who have shares and who have superannuation on the market are scared, and are much, he even sent out shaking at the moment; an invitation for you to because they could end celebrate with him in his up losing their life kingdom forever.

What does it take you to retirement they can use get your complete and spend it as they will. attention? For me it has So in reality, this world to something unusual or news is uninviting and odd, otherwise I'd think unwelcomed at this there was nothing new time; it is something the under the sun, so you'd whole world can well really have surprise me live without.

to get my attention!
How about you, what How about some good would it take to obtain news, for now, even your complete attention? though our world is falling down around us?

If we were to look at the This week's gospel world news, the big lesson is what I had in news doing the rounds at mind. A King has the moment would be specially invited you to the Stock Market crash be a guest at his Son's in the USA; who could wedding banquet. In not miss it? It's slashed fact, the invitations have all over the news. This been sent out and the event is affecting the original invited guests

have turned him down and now you have this invitation to attend with no charge to you; all you have to do is to accept it. The only condition is that you will have to wear some garments that will be fitting for the occasion.

I'm speaking about the parable that Jesus is relating to the Pharisees; who as leaders of the Jewish people, will find out what will happen to them, or to people who refuse God's constant grace and mercy that is going out to them all the time. God is not willing that anyone should perish. In fact, Jesus gives us an insight as to what heaven is like. Jesus does this in his parables, he makes a point, he could not otherwise make, to those who 'have ears, but will not hear' so



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that they end up getting dinner table is set and all hand and foot and tossed the point he is making. is in readiness; but those out into the darkness So he paints a mental who have been invited where there will be story and picture for paid no attention to this wailing and gnashing of them, so that they may request and did their teeth [v 11-13]. understand what he is own thing. One person getting at.

He's talking about [v5], and the rest seized lesson? I guess this is a heaven. In fact you may his servants, mistreated real lesson in life that already have in your them and killed them affects us all! We may minds a perception of [v6]. have all at one time or what heaven is like. But another been treated like

be prepared to have your This sent the king into a rejected for doing a mind and concept of _____ good neighbourly heaven changed, dutiful thing, by according to Jesus. inviting them to be In this gospel lesson, in our company and Jesus challenges us on what we may pleasure. have ingrained in our _____

Rejection is an ugly word!

heads in what we rage [v7]. His revenge It is in our human believe about heaven was predictable, nature; to want to please already.

Remember this fact; his army who destroyed being warmly received Jesus came down from the murders and burned in their presence and heaven to do his their city [v7], and put having their affection Father's will upon the an end to their ignorant bestowed upon us, so earth: and he should and selfish ways. Then that we can look good in know what he is talking he sent out other their eyes. We all want about, because he came servants who called in to give and receive good from there.

In the opening sentence, find and invited them to pleasure to be with; and Jesus tells us that, "The the wedding banquet on the other hand, worst kingdom of heaven is [v9]. The one obvious of all, no one likes to be like a wedding banquet twist in this parable is rejected.

that a king held for his the man who wasn't Son..." Everything has wearing any wedding Rejection is such an been prepared, the clothes and he was tied ugly word, just like

'ego' is a filthy word. make them feel washed killed his servants that Skyhooks you got it up and worthless at the brought out the king's absolutely wrong when slightest hint of any personal invitations to you sang that song back rejection or nastiness. them. Why kill someone in the 70's! The first for doing their job? So

thing people tend to do But relax; all is not stop blaming yourself if when they feel rejected gloom and doom. Just you have been rejected is to start examining like the stock market by the ones you love and themselves inwardly. crash can become a care about, you can pray They start asking hurdle that we can get for them. Just remember themselves questions over, so can we get over this, God is feeling this like: what's wrong with people's rejection of us. rejection every moment me? What have I done Whoever has hurt you of the day, because wrong? What don't I and are not accepting millions of his beloved have that makes me _____ people are refusing different, ugly ad his love, grace and unwanted? Etc, etc. God can fill the void in your life. They get filled with mercy even as I doubt and become speak.

withdrawn; or like _____ We have a Saviour; the king in the _____ we have Jesus. We parable; they can you for what you are and have someone in become enraged and for what you bring into a common who has been start doing some terrible relationship must be through the biggest things to those who kidding themselves, rejection of all! He has rejected them! their hidden agenda is to been there and done that, try and bring you down and he never wavered at And when these times to their standard and all in doing his Father's happen, it seems to have control over you. will.

make people wish for But you are much bigger the better days when and better than that, you You are worth it! God things were good. are a child of the king, wants you even though Perhaps; a time when and that means you have been rejected; they were younger and something. You can rise even rejected by the stronger, where they above the mediocrity ones you love the most. found an inner strength that others want you to There is comfort in within themselves, to get stay in. knowing beyond a doubt over hurdles such as that when you have been these. But now, it is not These people are just rejected and unwanted,

so easy, for now anyone like those who rejected that there is someone who rejects them can the king's invitation and who loves you more