

Luke 14

King James Version (KJV)

14 And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him. (They were always looking to accuse Him of something)

²And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. (This dropsy translates to "watery"; an excessive edema buildup. Probably caused by a chronic heart disease)

³And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? (HE is surrounded by a bunch of false preachers and Kenites)

⁴And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go; (There was nothing unlawful about Jesus healing someone on the Sabbath day)

⁵And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day? Exodus-23:5

⁶And they could not answer him again to these things. (Because animals cost money; of course they will save them)

⁷And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them. (They were competing to get the highest or most honorable seats at their Pharisee's house)

⁸When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; (Don't grab the best seat when you are a guest in someone house. Tame your ego)

⁹And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. (Deflating the haughty – they bring it on themselves by grabbing the best seat)

¹⁰But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. (worship = respect – better translation)

(Better to humble yourself going in, and then be promoted – than to go in with a big ego, and be abased)

¹¹ For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. (This was Satan's undoing)

¹² Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. (It turns into a big circle of rewards; one to another)

¹³ But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: (This is a spiritual feast. Call those who need your help; don't call those who don't want it)

¹⁴ And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. (Real rewards come from God)

¹⁵ And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. (They didn't realize that they were sitting at the same table with God)

¹⁶ Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: (A parable about a man who made a feast for his friends)

¹⁷ And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. (The feast is symbolic for learning the Word of God – spiritual food for the soul)

¹⁸ And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. (On a spiritual level - They were too busy with life to take time out for the Word of God)

¹⁹ And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. (All making excuses)

²⁰ And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. (Putting people before God)

²¹ So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. (Bring in people who want to be here)

²² And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. (There's always room for more who accept the Word of God)

²³ And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. (Keep looking for more people who want to attend. There's always room for them)

²⁴ For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper. (Those that refused him, shall in turn be refused by him)

²⁵ And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, (By now, Jesus was drawing big crowds wherever He went)

²⁶ If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. (hate = love less – bad translation from the Greek manuscripts; You must love God more than anyone else, including your family and yourself; because He died to save your soul. God is not a teacher of hate)

²⁷ And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. (The world treats Christians badly. They crucified Christ and they still abuse Christians)

²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? (Make plans, before you take on a task – good advice)

²⁹ Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, (Only a fool starts a project without planning; and then can't finish it because he didn't properly plan)

³⁰ Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. (He becomes a laughing stock)

³¹ Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? (Do some scouting first to see what you are facing – good advice)

³² Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. (Try to make peace first, before you commit yourself to conflict)

³³ So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. (You cannot serve two masters; Choose God, or the ways of the world)

³⁴ Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? (Salt that has lost its saltiness is worthless)

³⁵ It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. (If you can't stand for something, how can you make a difference in peoples' lives? If you stand for nothing then you are worthless)