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THE INVITATION TO THE FEAST

Luke 14:1-24

I. The Setting (1)

A. One Sabbath

B. Jesus eating at the house of a prominent Pharisee

C. Being 'carefully watched.'

II. Teaching Moments: (3-14)

A. Lessons about judging others. (3-4) (Silence)

B. Lessons about rationalization of one's own actions. (5-6)
(Silence)

C. Lessons on pride. (7-11) (Silence)

D. Lessons on demonstrating grace. (12-14) (Silence)

III. The Grand Lesson: (15-24)

A. Response: "Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast
in the kingdom of God."

B. Jesus teaches a parable ... Reinforcing His earlier teaching
about the Kingdom and leaving all with the question:
"What have you done with the invitation?"

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*Hymn No. 211 *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus—vast, unmeasured, boundless free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me, underneath me,
all around me, is the current of Thy love —
leading onward, leading homeward, to my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore.
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of ev'ry love the best!

'Tis an ocean vast of blessing; 'tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus—'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 14:1-14 Mr. Robert Smith

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ²There in front of him was a man suffering from dropsy. ³Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" ⁴But they

remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him away.

⁵Then he asked them, "If one of you has a son or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull him out?"

⁶And they had nothing to say.

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸"When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Anthem

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THE INVITATION TO THE FEAST

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Teaching Moments

* Hymn No. 201 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Refrain

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
Brighter than snow you may be today

Refrain

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

Refrain

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¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus,
"Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

¹⁶ Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and

invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

¹⁸ "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

¹⁹ "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

²⁰ "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

²¹ "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

²² "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

²³ "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.' "

Sermon Continued

Dr. Paul A. Brown

The Grand Lesson

Invitation to the Table

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn No. 188 *At the Cross*

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Alas! and did my Savior bleed ~ And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head ~ For such a worm as I?

Refrain:

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!

Was it for crimes that I had done ~ He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown! ~ And love beyond degree!

Refrain:

Well might the sun in darkness hide ~ And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker died, ~ For man the creature's sin.

Refrain:

But drops of grief can ne'er repay ~ The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away, ~ 'Tis all that I can do.

Refrain:

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Turn your Eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.

*Postlude