

# The Great Banquet

A week before Thanksgiving the preparations for a magnificent feast begin. The invitations have been made. We gather just the right ingredients to prepare favorite dishes the secret recipes that have been passed on for generations. If you have not had the joy of preparing a Thanksgiving meal with all of the trimmings will will not understand the stress of the last half hour when the potatoes need whipped to perfection. The turkey needs carved. The roux is added to the turkey drippings and stirred vigorously as to remove every lump from the family's favorite gravy. Imagine the disappointment you would feel if you if the guest you had invited did not show up. The one you had hoped to sit with at the table and share a piece of pie and thoughts of thankfulness were missing from there chair. What if they were all to preoccupied with themself to consider the preparation that had ben made with them in mind. They would miss out on the blessing prepared for them. Look at The parable of the Great Banquet as Jesus address those who are invited but will not attend.

Luke 14:15–24 (ESV): 15 When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” 16 But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. 17 And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ 18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ 19 And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ 20 And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ 21 So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ 22 And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ 23 And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’ ”

The preparation has been made the invitation has given “if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”(Revelation 3:20) . Remember this Thanksgiving to accept the LORDS invitation.

If you reserved a turkey dinner Please do not forget to bring it home. Pick up days.

Friday November 20 4-6 pm or

Saturday November 21 12-v

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