

Matthew Chapter 22

V: 1-14 Speaking of things to come.

Revelation 19:7-9 “⁷Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. ⁸And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. ⁹And He saith unto me, write, blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And He saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God.”

V: 1 “Again” – a continuation of the response from chapter 21. The “them” is the chief priests and Pharisees.

V: 2 “Kingdom of Heaven” – this present age, like the “Kingdom” parables of **Matthew Ch. 13**. Relates to things presently.

Matthew 4:17 “From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

- Vs the “Kingdom of God” – a general rule, like **Matthew Ch. 21**.
- The king, the Father has prepared a wedding feast for His Son:

Revelation 19:7 “⁷Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come...”

V: 3 **Servants** = **prophets**, ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Genesis 24 – Eleazar was sent by the Father to get a bride for his Son.

Acts 1-4 we see the ministry of the Holy Spirit rejected by most Jews but received by the Gentiles.

V: 3-4 Rejected the 1st invitation in verse 3, then rejected the 2nd invitation in verse 4.

V: 5 They didn’t take the invitation seriously, they made light of it.

- There’s nothing wrong with a farm, or merchandise, unless they keep you out of Heaven.

Matthew 13:22 “He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.”

Mark 8:36 ³⁶“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? ³⁷Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”

Matthew 6:33 “But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.”

V: 6 Typically, the Jews killed the prophets that were sent by God to warn them, to invite them into the Kingdom.

Matthew 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!”

- We see two types, or two responses responses; either of which lead to hell.
 1. Indifference (V: 5)
 2. Antagonism (V: 6)

Hebrews 2:3 “How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?”

Acts 4:12 “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

- There is no room for indifference or opposition, there is no middle ground.

Matthew 12:30 “He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad.”

V: 7 “His armies”

Exodus 23:28 “And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.”

- God would also use the Assyrians, Babylonians, Romans, angels.

Isaiah 10:5 “O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.”

Mark 13:2 **Luke 19:41-44** “Not one stone shall stand upon another.”

- Jesus is speaking prophetically of the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by Vespasian / Titus.

V: 8 They had judged others, ended up being judged, and brought judgment upon themselves.

Daniel 5:27 "... thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."

John 3:18-19, 36. ¹⁸He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." – ³⁶He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

V: 8-10 None were "worthy" (and still aren't) but some were willing.

Romans 3:10, 23.

- Worthiness wasn't the issue, willingness was.

Matthew 21:31 "... verily I say unto you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you."

Matthew 8:11-12 ¹¹And I say to unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. ¹²But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

V: 11 Eastern custom – the wedding garments were provided by the Father of the groom to all the guests. Everyone at the feast was to have on a wedding garment.

- Symbolically these garments relate to a person's righteousness.

Romans 10:3 "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

- Rejecting God's righteousness, relying upon their own righteousness.

Isaiah 64:6 "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

Zechariah 3:3-4 ³Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. ⁴And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him

he said, behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.”

Isaiah 61:10 “I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness,…”

V: 12 How did you get in here? You don't meet the dress code.

- *“Friend”*? (G-2083) “Hetarios” – clansman, comrad, fellow, friend. More like acquaintance, inferring a “friend” because of what they can derive from the friendship, a friend for advantage. The female version (hetaria) meaning a “kept woman, concubine, prostitute – belongs to anybody and everybody.

Hetarios: a selfish acquaintance, one who seeks their own good

- The “friend” spoken of here might be the same kind of person that Jesus spoke of at the time of judgment:

Matthew 7:21 “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.”

- A true friend would be indicative in the word “phileo” which Jesus uses in John 15:15

John 15:15 “Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all.”

- This “friend” didn't have the right garment, he was a poser – possibly a tare.
- Robes of righteousness are reserved for the saints:

Revelation 3:5 (Sardis) “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.”

Revelation 3:18 (Laodicea) “I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; …”

Jesus is our robe of righteousness:

Romans 13:14 “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.”

Philippians 3:7-9 “⁷But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. ⁸Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, ⁹and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:”

- “*Speechless*” – because he had refused the offer of the garment of salvation, he rejected the free gift, he had no excuse.

V: 13 He was “bound” as opposed to being freed. He was taken out of the presence of the King, separated as opposed to united with.

- Outer darkness – “Gehenna” – [the place of ultimate judgment](#).
- Hell is the abode of the dead, a place of eternal punishment for unbelievers.

1. Hebrew: Sheol
2. Greek: Hades, Gehenna, Tartaroo / Tartarus

- Hades; Greek god of the underworld.
- Gehenna; a Greek word formed by two Hebrew words “Ge-Henna” referring to the valley of Hinnom. A place where pagan deities were worshipped, that eventually became the city dump, a place of continual burning and smoke.
- Tartarus; a prison for the fallen angels.
- Abraham’s bosom – a place of comfort, a compartment of hell that is now vacant.
- Lake of fire, second death, outer darkness: all descriptions of hell.

V: 14 **Matthew 20:16** (same)

Matthew 7:13-14 “¹³Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”

- Parable of the sower, 4 soils, only 1 bears fruit.

Exodus 12:5 “Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats.”

Speaking of acceptable sacrifices:

Leviticus 22:18-22, 24: “¹⁸Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, whatsoever he be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his freewill offerings, which they will offer unto the Lord for a burnt offering; ¹⁹Ye shall offer at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves / cattle, of the sheep, or of the goats. ²⁰But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you. ²¹And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the Lord to accomplish his vow, or a freewill offering in beeves / cattle or sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein. ²²Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen / sores, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the Lord, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the Lord.” – “²⁴Ye shall not offer unto the Lord that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make any offering thereof in our land.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”

- How is it determined that the sacrifice is without spot or blemish, that it is acceptable for sacrifice? Through examination.

V: 15 The Passover feast was fast approaching, Jesus has made His entry into the city and now He is confronted by the various leaders of the Jews.

- Their intent is malicious, their hope is to ensnare or entrap Jesus in His words.
- Instead, their words will entrap themselves.

Matthew 12:37 “For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”

V: 16 They say that “War makes strange bed fellows”; in these next verses that is what we see.

- The Pharisees (religious leaders), the Herodians (political leaders), and the Sadducees (economic leaders) are normally all at odds with each other, here we see them united in opposition to Jesus. Some things never change.

- Herodians, descendants of king Herod who tried to kill the Messiah when He was a child.

Romans 9:13 “As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.”

- Herod was an Idumean, a descendant of Esau.

2 Corinthians 6:14 - does or doesn't apply depending on how you look at it because it appears that they were equally yoked as non-believers.

- “Teacher / Master” – platitudes? Sarcasm? Not truthful anyway.
- Master: (G1320) didaskalos, did-as'-kal-os; an instructor, doctor, master, teacher.

“... we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth...”

- This is a true statement: Jesus is truth, but if they really believed what they said, they wouldn't be having this conversation.
- God does not regard the earthly status or opinion of men, He is not impressed with us.

Acts 10:34 “...of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:”

V: 17 Taxes / Tribute was viewed as a form of worship.

- They thought they had Him.
- To say “no”, don't pay tribute to Caesar made you a traitor to Rome.
- To say “yes” and pay tribute to Caesar constituted “worship” of Caesar, which the Messiah wouldn't do.

V: 18 Jesus perceives their wickedness; He already knew what they were up to.

- This could have been an exercise in His omniscience, or perhaps it was simply His knowledge of the word and discernment of the obvious.
- “Hypocrites” – not really looking for a true answer, just looking to entrap.

V: 19. Jesus didn't already have a denarius of His own, apparently He wasn't in the ministry for the money – which is a good example for the rest of us.

1 Peter 5:2 “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;”

V: 20 Caesar's image on one side, "Pontifus Maximus" (ultimate leader) on the other side.

V: 21 Later, the Jews would reveal their true allegiance and to whom they would pay tribute.

John 19:15 Pharisees – "we have no king but Caesar."

- Later the Jews would lie and say that Jesus had forbid them from paying taxes to Caesar. (**Luke 23:2**)

Jesus never taught disobedience or rebellion.

Romans 13:7 "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour."

1 Peter 2:13-17 ¹³Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; ¹⁴or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. ¹⁵For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: ¹⁶As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. ¹⁷Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king."

The bottom line:

- Coins made in Caesar's image belong to Caesar.
- Men made in God's image belong to God!

V: 22 Man vs: God; God wins!

1 Corinthians 3:19 "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness."

Job 5:13 "He catches the wise in their own craftiness, and the counsel of the cunning comes quickly upon them."

Comparing earthly wisdom to heavenly or Godly wisdom:

James 3:15-17 ¹⁵This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. ¹⁶For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

- Spanked and sent home, next time stay on the porch...

2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

V: 23 Sadducees don't believe in the resurrection of the dead, not an honest question.

Psalm 24:3-4 “³Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His Holy Place? ⁴He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.”

Psalm 51:6 “Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.”

V: 24 “*Master*” – again.

Genesis 38:8-10 (Pre-Mosaic Law) Judah, Er / Tamar, Onan, Shelah.

Deuteronomy 25:5-6 (Mosaic Law) “⁵If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her. ⁶And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.”

- The Bedouins still practice this today.

V: 25-28 Using an absurd hypothetical situation (except maybe in Hollywood) to try to prove their case against the resurrection of the dead.

- Essentially, like the media today, and or liberal political groups, they are trying to define to debate, pitting Jesus against Moses – seemingly a no win situation.

V: 28 “*In the resurrection*” – which they don't believe in. **Verse 23.**

V: 29 Common mistake then and now, they viewed Heaven as an extension of their current life, as opposed something much better.

- They didn't understand that what they did in this life would effect whether they would go to Heaven or to Hell.”

Luke 16:1-8 (Turn to) The unjust steward.

- Jesus isn't commending dishonesty, it's based on the understanding that we're all dishonest, we're all sinners – but that we can use our present circumstances to secure our eternal future.
- Jesus tells them that they don't know the scriptures

Romans 10:2 “For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.”

1 Corinthians 2:14 “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

John 5:39-40 ³⁹Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me. ⁴⁰And ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life.”

Hebrews 10:7 “Lo, I come in the volume of the book, it is written of me.”

- They don't know the power of God, they've limited Him to their own puny perspective.

Matthew 19:26 “... with God all things are possible.”

Matthew 28:18 “... all power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.”

- They don't know God!

Philippians 3:10 “That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death,”

- Scripture teaches the resurrection of the dead in the Old and New Testaments.

1 Corinthians 15 **2 Samuel 12:23** – David's son with Bathsheba dies.

V: 30 Jesus testifies of the resurrection.

V: 31-32 The Sadducees tried to use Moses to test Jesus so Jesus used Moses to answer them and reveal their ignorance.

Exodus 3:6, 14 “*I am, that I am*” - not “I was”!

- Ours is THE God of the living.

John 10:10 “... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

V: 33 Everybody was astonished, they were amazed, they were “slack jawed”.

V: 34 Jesus had put them to silence, they didn't have an answer, they couldn't answer.

- “Silence” (G 5392) phimoo, fee-mo'-o; to muzzle. **Muzzled** like a vicious dog.

V: 35 Lawyer / scribe; tempting / testing / examining.

V: 36 “Master” – this appears to be a sincere question based on the response of both Jesus and the scribe. **Mark 12:28-34**

- The Law – Mishnah / 613 laws. 248 “major”, and 365 “minor” laws.
- This question had been the source of great debate for hundreds of years.

V: 37 Jesus quoted the “shema” (to hear) – **Deuteronomy 6:4** – a statement of faith recited daily by Orthodox Jews.

- Also placed in Massuza at the entry way to houses.
- Covers the 1st table of the 10 commandments. **Exodus 20:2-11**

V: 38 Jesus answers the question very directly, this is the first and greatest commandment.

V: 39 “Like unto it” = “linked to”.

Quoting:

Leviticus 19:18 “... thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself...”

- 2nd tablet of the 10 commandments. **Exodus 20:12 +**

1 John 4:20-21 ²⁰“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? ²¹And this commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.”

- We are to love our neighbor, as we love ourselves.
- Loving our neighbor isn't dependent on our loving ourselves; it's dependent on my loving God.

V: 40 Hang = crucified. **Luke 23:33**

Matthew 5:17 “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.”

- All the Law and the Prophets.

Romans 13:10 “Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”

1 Timothy 1:5 “Now the end of the commandment is charity / love out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:”

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

John 13:34 “A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”

V: 41 The Pharisees re-group, probably trying to come up with another question; Jesus beats them to the punch, asking them a question.

V: 42 Genealogy of the Messiah, well known to the Pharisees.

Matthew 1:1 “The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”

Romans 1:3-4 “³Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh. ⁴And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:”

V: 43 Jesus is ascribing David’s authorship of the Psalms via the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21 “²⁰Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. ²¹For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of god spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

- None of this is a hard sell, these things are readily acknowledged by the Jews.

V: 44 LORD = Jehovah / YHWH = Yahweh.

- YHWH is called the tetragrammaton, which in Greek means “4 letters” a symbol for the unspeakable name of God.
- “Jehovah” itself was not a word, it’s a “latinized” version of Yahweh that simply came into use among scholars and now into common use.
- Lord = “Master” or “Adonai”
- Jesus is quoting David in **Psalms 110:1**.

Psalms 110:1 “The **LORD** said unto my **Lord**, sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.”

- It was a total cultural “no-no”. Fathers were always addressed as Lord; this never referred to children or offspring as such.

V: 45 Answer: it would have to be “supernatural” or miraculous! Kind of like a virgin birth!

Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”

Matthew 1:18 “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.”

John 1:1, 14. “¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” – “¹⁴And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

V: 46 No man was able to answer Him – no man dared!

- Sounds a lot like:

Matthew 22:12 “And He saith unto him, friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.”