

Luke 14:15-24

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him,

“Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God.”

Then Jesus said to him, “A certain person gave a great banquet and invited many and he sent his slave at the time of the banquet to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is already prepared.’

But they all alike began to make excuses.

The first said to him,

‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it;

I pray you, have me excused.’

Another said,

‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out.

I pray you, have me excused.’

Another said,

‘I have just married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’

So the slave returned and reported these things to his master.

Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave,

‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’

And the slave said,

‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’”

Then the master said to the slave,

‘Go out into the roads and alleys, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.

For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my banquet.’”