

"Excuses"

WPAD - 9-25-50

Luke 14:16-20.

Paducah, Ky

- 16-Then said he unto them, a certain man made a great supper, and bade many:
- 17-And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come for all things are now ready.
- 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.
- 19-And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray the have me excused.
- 20-And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

1-The facts are:

1-The excuses viewed here are "paltry" and within themselves insignificant.

2-These excuses are made because men's conduct with regard to the Divine kingdom is not according to right reason.

3-The invited were pleased to receive the invitation but there the matter ended with them.

4-This banquet, to which they were invited, had no influence upon their everyday lives.

5-They made their engagements for pleasure and for business without the least regard to the day or the hour of the banquet.

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1-Excuses or Reasons:

1-There is usually a difference between a person's excuse in doing wrong and his reason for doing it.

2-Israel wanted a king.

1-Their excuse was;

That Samuel's sons were inefficient judges. 1-Sam.8:5;

Behold thou art old and thy sons walk not in thy ways.

2-Their reason was; They wanted to be like other nations. 1-Sam.8:5;

Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

2-The greatness of this supper:

1-The preparations were long and elaborate

2-How many centuries were consumed in

preparing the feast which we have in the gospel.

3-It was to be the;

The "greatest feast of reason and flow of soul" the world has seen.

3-The triviality of the excuses:

1-To the invitations sent out by God men make excuses.

2-Our Lord gives us three examples that men make for refusing the gospel and salvation.

4-The Excuses made:

1-The first man puts a piece of ground before salvation:

1-The attraction of property of different kinds, the absorbing delight of possessing earthly goods will keep many men from H.

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- 2-The second man puts cattle before salvation:
1-Many men are interested in good stock, and the mysteries of breeding and work, as to have no time for their eternal interest.
2-This also refers to the occupation of business, the pleasure of increasing the store Of adding coin to coin or field to field.

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- 3-The ~~1st~~ man puts social concerns before spiritual:
1-This man has married a wife, and so cannot attend to the claims of God.
2-Society, its attractions and allurements, is keeping multitudes out of heaven.
3-These excuses are but a specimen of the trivialities which are monopolizing men's attention, and preventing their giving good heed to the things of the gospel.

5-Will God accept these excuses???? God will accept no excuse:

1-God did not accept Adam's excuse.

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And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

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Exodus 32:4; 24;

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1-Sam. 15:22

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