

**The Parable Of The
Excuse Makers**

Luke 14:16-24



EXCUSES

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- The parable itself:
 - An important man gives a dinner and invites many.
Luke 14:16
 - There is no doubt that the man is God, the invited are the Jews. ***John 4:22; Acts 3:22-26***
 - This man sent his slave to bring the invited. ***Luke 14:17***
 - The slave in this case is Jesus calling all to return to God. ***Luke 19:10; Matt. 15:21-28***

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- The parable itself:

- The reaction of one of those invited.

Luke 14:18

- Many today make excuses for why they don't come to God, because of their possessions.

Luke 12:15 vs. 9:58

- The reaction of the second group. *Luke 14:19*

- Others use their livelihood as an excuse.

John 6:27; Ps. 37:25; Prov. 10:3; Matt. 6:33

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- The parable itself:
 - The reaction of the third group. *Luke 14:20*
 - Other use their family relationship as a reason for not attending to the invitation. *Matt. 10:34-37; Luke 9:59-62*
 - The reaction of the important man. *Luke 14:21*
 - Since the Jews rejected the invitation, the gentiles were also invited. *Luke 4:24-30; Acts 13:45-48*
 - But there is still room for more. *Luke 14:22-24*

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- Excuse making from the very beginning:
 - Adam and Eve, their excuse for sinning.
Gen. 3:9-13
 - Moses, his excuse for not wanting to do God's will.
Exo. 3:10-11; 4:1, 10
 - King Saul, his excuse for doing half of God's will.
1 Sam. 15:2-3, 13-16, 17-21, 22-23, 24

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- Some excuses heard today:
 - “This is the way I am, I was born this way”
1 Cor. 6:9-10; Rom. 3:12
 - The young often say “everyone else is...”
Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:6-8
 - “At least I’m not as bad as ...”
Rom. 8:29; Col. 3:8-10
- No excuses will be accepted in the day of judgment.
Luke 13:24-27

STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**

