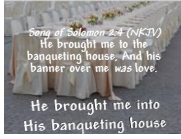


#1



Your Position, Part 19 -

He brought me into His Banqueting House

Song of Solomon 2:4 (NKJV) He brought me to the banqueting house, And his banner over me *was* love.

In Matthew 22 Jesus said a certain King arranged a marriage for his son, invited many to the wedding.

Those who were invited proved unworthy, and would not come.

Then He sent His servants out into the highways to invite all who would come, so his house would be full.

Solomon is giving us a picture of God's nature and care over us.

The King's banner was a pole with a flag-like cloth attached.

It was a symbol of the King's protective care.

Solomon said His banner over me was love.

Under His love is security and protection.

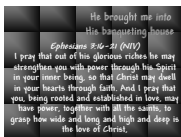
Under His banner, no evil shall befall you.

Under His banner, we shall feast in His banqueting house.

Psalm 36:8 (NIV) They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

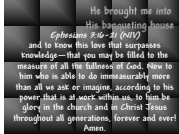
We need to observe the Lord God's mercy and grace that has brought us into this place where we live.

#2



Ephesians 3:16-21 (NIV) I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

#3



and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

Think about the wonder of what God has done for you and me.

We were on the outside.

We did not deserve the grace and favor of God.

We had not received an invitation into His glorious presence.

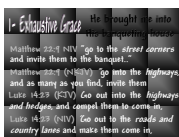
We did not even know that this was available.

In Matthew 22 Jesus was talking to the religious leaders of the Jews.

He was telling them that all of the riches of God’s favor had been freely given to them, and they refused to accept it.

Then He told them that God was going to open the door for everyone who had not been previously invited in.

#4



First, we see the exhaustive grace of God.

When the invitation was ignored, God extended the invitation to both the good and the bad.

According to Matthew 22, they went to out of the way places and found any who would respond to the call.

Matthew 22:9 NIV says go to the street corners and invite them to the banquet..

Matthew 22:9 (NKJV) Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite them

Luke 14:23 (KJV) Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.

Luke 14:23 (NIV) ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.

We have studied the grace of God.

You need to see the exhaustive grace of God.

God wants everyone to get an invitation.

Jesus commissioned his Disciples to go into all the world.

There is good news and bad news.

There are at least 2 billion Christians in the world today.

At least 1/4 of them are Pentecostal.

The number of Christians is growing in the World and the number of US Protestant Christians has decreased 14 points between 1974 and 2004 to 50.4%.

The number of Pentecostals in the US is 5% of the population

The number of Pentecostals in Africa and South America range from 6% in areas of India to 60% in Guatemala.

46% in South America and 39% in Africa

Second, we see the Exhaustive Love of our Lord

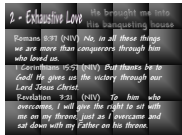
After having rescued us from the enemy, our victorious Captain has seated us at His banquet table under a banner inscribed with His Name, “Love.”

His love has conquered us to Himself.

Romans 8:37 (NIV) No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV) But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#5



Revelation 3:21 (NIV) To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

His banner over me is LOVE.

This is an overwhelming thought.

He will bring us into His banqueting house and put His banner of His love over us.

We came from street corners, and highways and hedges.

We came from country lanes and out of the way places.

We came from the east, the west, and the north and the south.

He has covered us with His love.

Third, we see the Exhaustive covering He gives.

In Matthew 22 Jesus tells of all who were brought into the banqueting house.

He covers me with white robes of His righteousness.

Jesus' parable indicates that one came in who did not have on a wedding garment.

It is so easy to pay attention to the negative impact that one can have.

They refuse the grace of God.

They stumble on in their self-righteousness.

They attempt to fit in where only grace, mercy, and love abound.

You need to see the blood bought Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

#6



Too much attention to paid to the religious and the stubborn self-righteous.

God has bought the Church with the Blood of His Son.

We have been redeemed.

We have been made righteous.

We have been reconciled to God.

We have been made clean and pure.

We have been made victorious.

We are not what we used to be.

We belong to Jesus.

He has made us His own and covered us.

#7



Fourth, We have been brought into a position of Honor in His Banqueting House.

We know that the greater fulfillment of this scripture refers to a future glory that awaits all of those who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

What a day that will be.

The Lord Himself shall step out on the portals of Glory and call the redeemed of all ages home.

Ephesians 2:4-6 (NIV) But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

We are looking at the ultimate completion of the salvation that God has provided through Christ.

What a change He has made in our lives.

He has saved us.

He has washed us.

He has made us clean.

He has made us new.

He has given us His Spirit.

He has given us His Word.

He has given us His authority.

He has changed our destination.

He has brought us into His banqueting house.

He has offered food on the table.

Now He has made us sons and daughters.

Now He has prepared a place for us.

Now He has included us in the heritage of the saints in glory.