

**Great Excuses To Avoid
The Great Supper
(Lk.14)**

About excuses...

“He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else” (B. Franklin).

Parable of the great supper: Lk.14:15-24

I. God's Kingdom
Disappointed Many, 15

OT saints . . . OT prophets

OT saints yearned for (*future*) Messiah,
but killed (*present*) prophets who spoke of
Him.

Lord's contemporaries praised (*past*)
OT prophets, but killed (*present*) Messiah,
Jn.1:11.

What kingdom lets its citizens kill their king?

People wanted to come
to God on *their* terms

People wanted a democracy, not a kingdom.

Baptism

Apostasy

Family

People would come to God if He tolerated
living in sin.

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II. God Has Done All He Can
To Save Us, 16-17

All things are ready . . .

1. Prepared (body to sacrifice for our sins, Hb.10).
2. Invited. (Twelve times in Luke 14!)
3. Many (each must decide what he will do with Jesus).

God's part in our salvation . . .

- Plan. Romans 10:1-3, 16-17, 21.
- Person. Romans 10:4. [Goal, outcome]
- Providence. Romans 10:6-8.
- People (church). Romans 10:11-13

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**III. Excuses Cannot Substitute
For Obedience, 18-20**

Make excuses: 'beg off'

- Field, 18. Possessions. 18:23
- Oxen, 19. Work. 16:13-14...
- Wife, 20. Family. 14:26

No excuse was . . .

- Sinful in itself.
- True (avoided feast for false reasons)

Honesty in America

(types of excuses for wrongdoing)

1. **Outright denial** – reject any involvement.
Ex.32:21-24.
2. **“Not my fault” excuse** – blame others.
Gn.3:12. 1 Sm.15:20-21.
3. **“I did it, but...”** – circumstances are the problem. Ro.1:20.

Effects of excuses

1. Way to save face in disobedience.
1 Sm.15:30.
2. Comfort us though we live in eternal danger. Ac.24:24-25.
3. Encourage disobedience, 18-20.

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Reason And Excuses, 21**

Excuse: a dressed-up lie

- Dt.9:20, Aaron
- Lk.14:18-21, produced anger.

A benefactor has the right to be angry with those who reject His grace.

Most people do what they want to do

- Gn.22, Abraham – God first.
- Gn.39, Joseph – purity of life.
- Dn.1, Daniel – consistent obedience.
- Mk.6, John – conviction.
- Phil.1, Paul – finishing the race.

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**V. Some Choices Carry
Eternal Consequences, 21**

“When you have to make a choice and don’t make it, that is in itself a choice”

- Why did some shun the great supper?
- They chose not to go.
- Simple rejection . . . 18-20, 24

“He who excuses himself
accuses himself” –Meurier

“He who chooses the beginning of a
road chooses the place it leads to...”