



Daily Reflections

November 7, 2017

Scripture

Luke 14: 15-24

One of those at table with Jesus said to him,
"Blessed is the one who will dine in the Kingdom of God."
He replied to him,
"A man gave a great dinner to which he invited many.
When the time for the dinner came,
he dispatched his servant to say to those invited,
'Come, everything is now ready.'
But one by one, they all began to excuse themselves.
The first said to him,
'I have purchased a field and must go to examine it;
I ask you, consider me excused.'
And another said, 'I have purchased five yoke of oxen
and am on my way to evaluate them;
I ask you, consider me excused.'
And another said, 'I have just married a woman,
and therefore I cannot come.'
The servant went and reported this to his master.
Then the master of the house in a rage commanded his servant,
'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town
and bring in here the poor and the crippled,
the blind and the lame.'
The servant reported, 'Sir, your orders have been carried out
and still there is room.'

The master then ordered the servant,
'Go out to the highways and hedgerows
and make people come in that my home may be filled.
For, I tell you, none of those men who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

Our Scripture Reflection

Isaiah 25:6: "On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all people's;
A feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines."
In this wonderful passage we read one among several scriptures in the Bible
where the Kingdom is described as a banquet. Why a banquet? In a land
subject to drought resulting in famine, great food was a scarcity, and
therefore, a luxury. God and His Son want us to know that for those who are
faithful, the Kingdom will be beyond human expectations. It is easy to see
why the master is enraged when after preparing a luxurious banquet for his
invited guests they "blow him off." What ingratitude....what disrespect! But
the master will not be deterred by their behavior. He opens the banquet up
to any and all who might come. He wants to have a packed house for his
feast. The message for us? God graciously invites us into His Kingdom by
sending His only Son to us. How do we respond? Are we too busy for the
Son? Do we have interests other than spending time with the Son? Are we
grateful that we are invited??

Food for your Journey

Sooner or later, we sit down to a banquet of consequences.

-- Robert L. Stevenson

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You come to me each day to offer me a place in Your glorious
Kingdom. Help me to show my gratitude for Your generosity by dedicating
my life to Your service. Amen.