

"Games People Play" Deal or No Deal

Matthew 22:1-14

Revelation 3:16 So, because you are lukewarm- neither hot nor cold-I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

1. The Sealed Invitations

Matthew 22:2-3 The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

Philippians 2:10-11a ...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Revelation 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

John 1:11 He came to that which was his own, but his did not receive him.

Matthew 22:8-9 Then he said to his servants, "The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find."

Matthew 22:4b "My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet."

Mark 10:31 "But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

2. The Silly Explanations

Matthew 22:5 But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business.

Luke 14:18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, "I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me."

Luke 14:19 Another said, "I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me."

Luke 14:20 Still another said, "I just got married, so I can't come."

Matthew 10:37 Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

3. The Searing Vindication

Matthew 22:7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

Matthew 22:13 Then the king told the attendants, "Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Revelation 6:12-17 I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, and the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to the earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from him the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

Hebrews 10:31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.