

ARE YOU COMING TO THE

Wedding?





Matthew

22:1-14

Jesus also told them other parables. He said, 2 “The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son. 3 When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify those who were invited. But they all refused to come! 4 “So he sent other servants to tell them, ‘The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!’ 5 But the guests he had invited ignored

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them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business. 6 Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them. 7 “The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town. 8 And he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren’t worthy of the honor. 9 Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.’ 10 So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests.

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11 “But when the king came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn’t wearing the proper clothes for a wedding. **12** ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?’ But the man had no reply. **13** Then the king said to his aides, ‘Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

14 “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

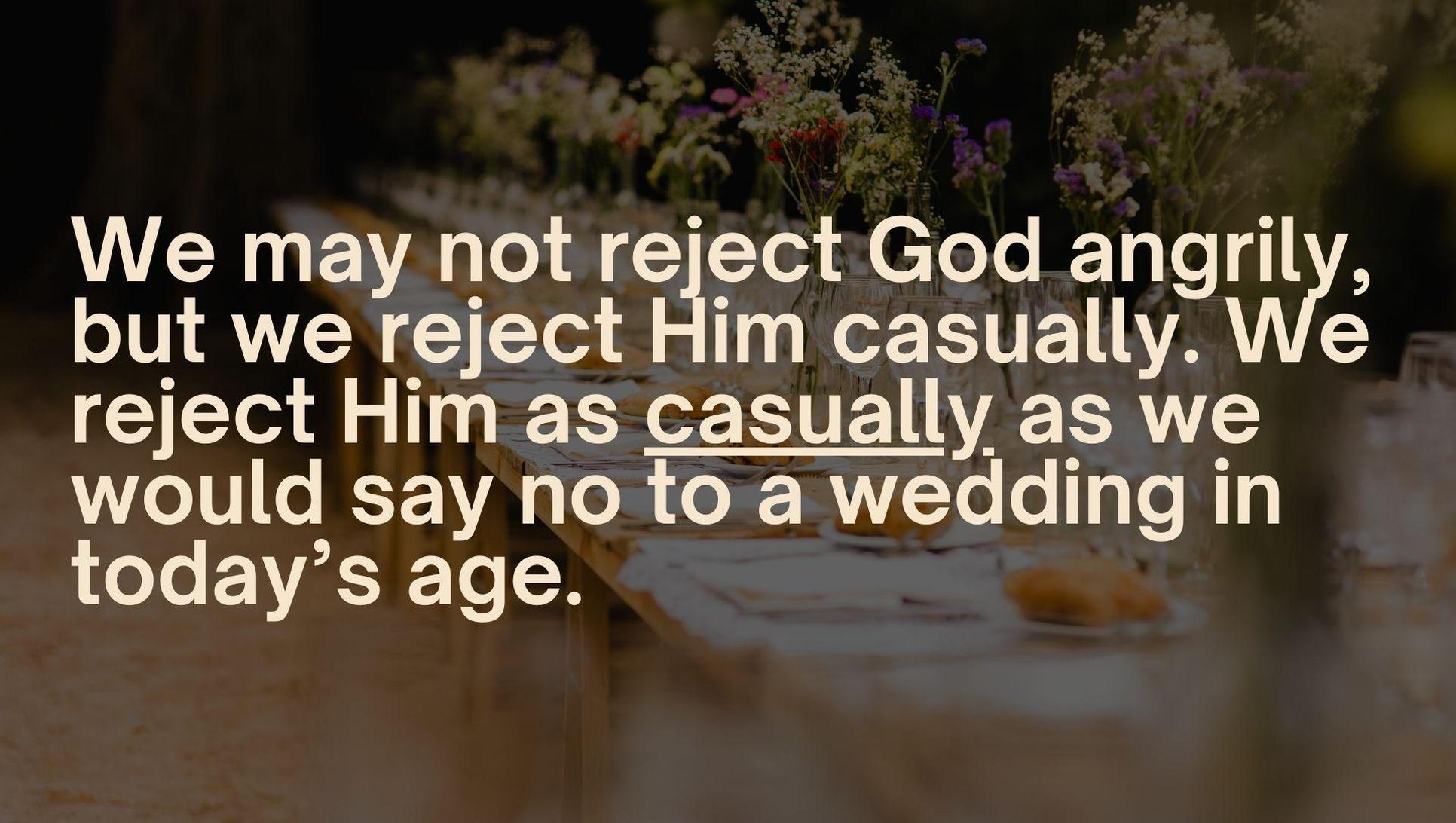


**THE KING
SYMBOLIZES
GOD THE FATHER**

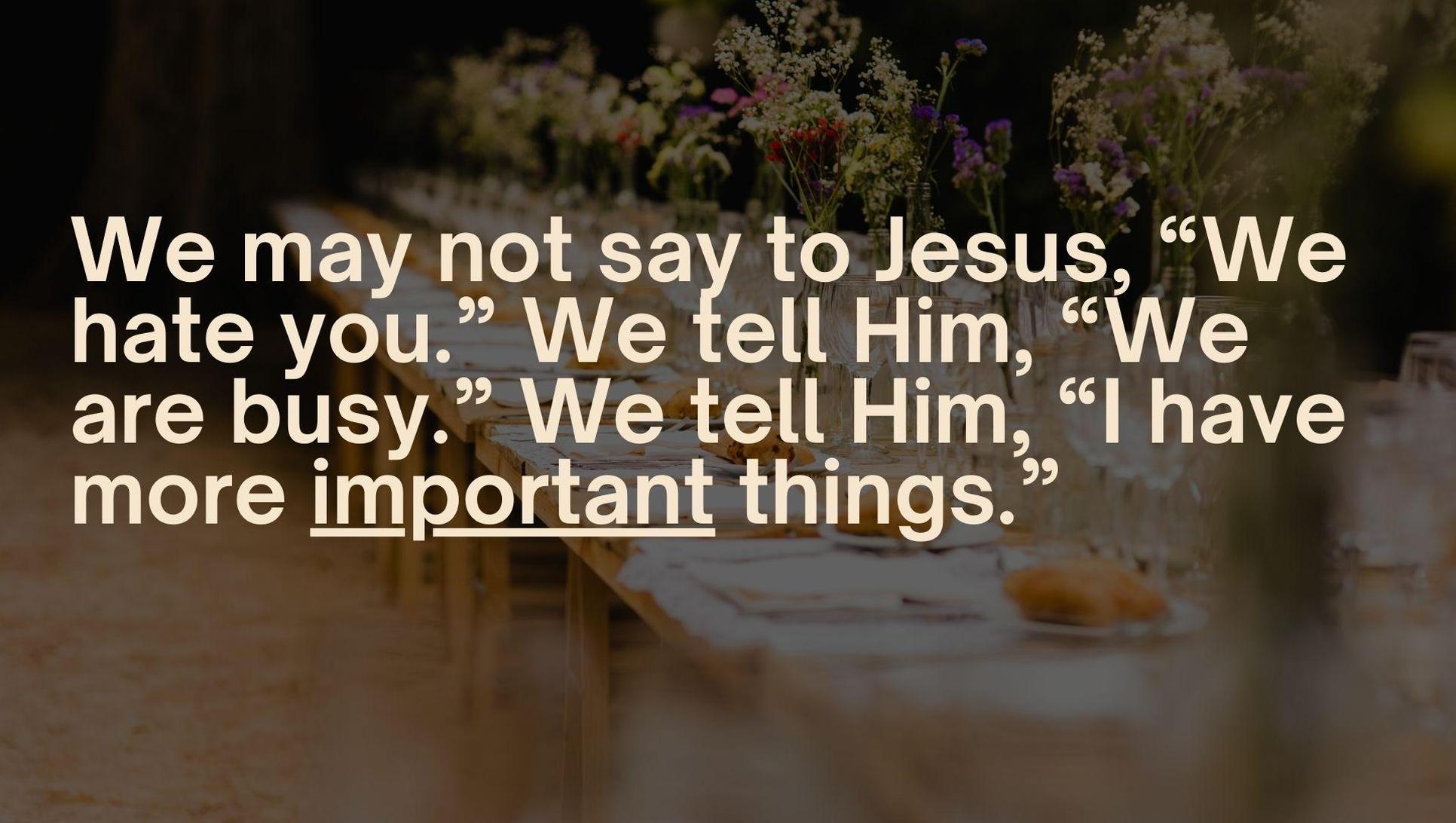


**THE SON
SYMBOLIZES
JESUS CHRIST.**

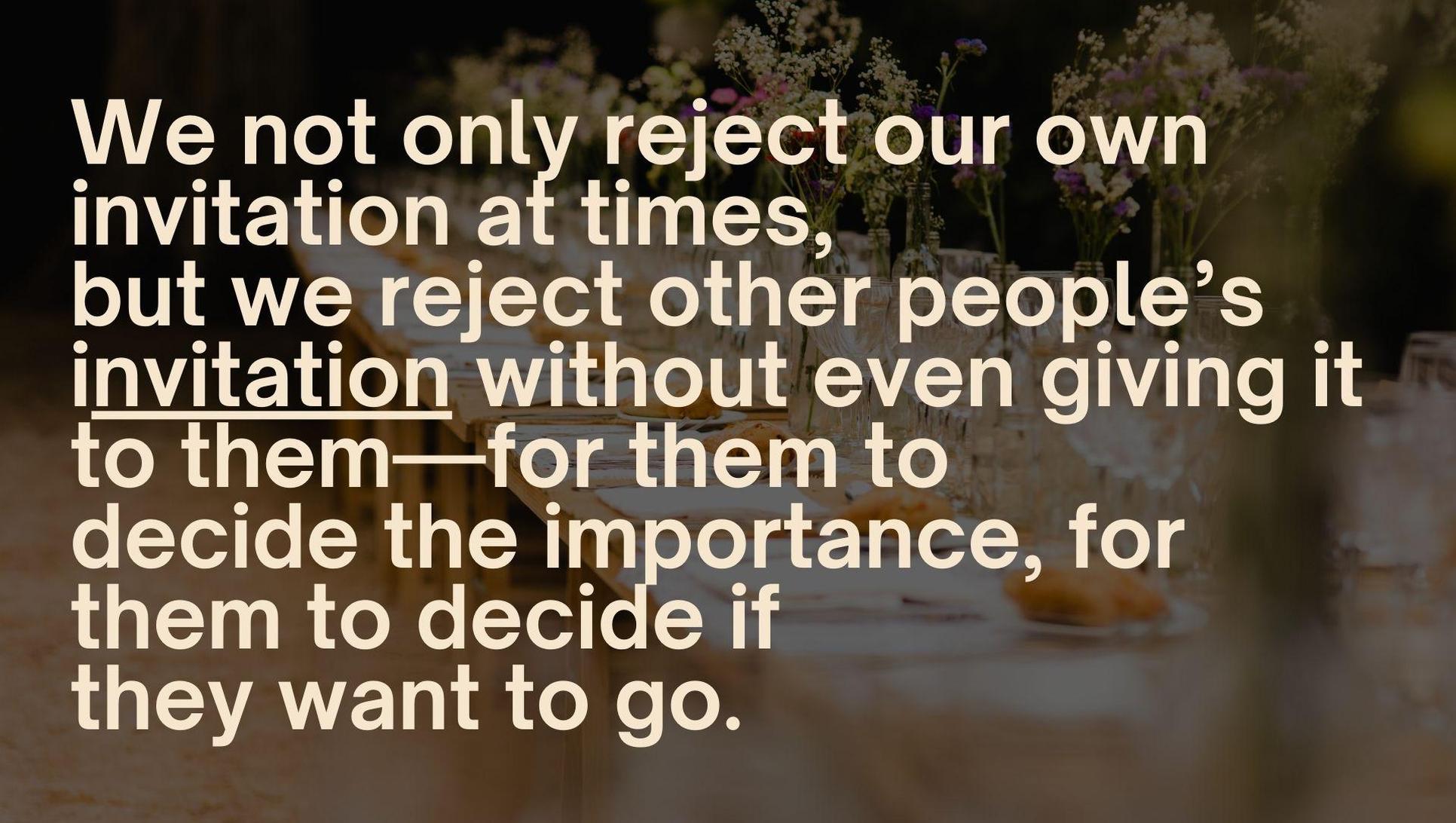
These people are telling the king, “Your son does not matter. Your feast does not matter. You don’t matter.”



We may not reject God angrily,
but we reject Him casually. We
reject Him as casually as we
would say no to a wedding in
today's age.



We may not say to Jesus, “We hate you.” We tell Him, “We are busy.” We tell Him, “I have more important things.”



We not only reject our own invitation at times, but we reject other people's invitation without even giving it to them—for them to decide the importance, for them to decide if they want to go.

Matthew

11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

This wedding was an invitation to something better—to a life full of freedom, to a feast that would fill us and satisfy us greater than we could ever have known.

A photograph of a wedding reception table. The table is covered with a white tablecloth and is decorated with a large arrangement of white flowers, including roses and hydrangeas. There are several glassware items, including wine glasses and water glasses, and a white napkin with silverware. The background shows other tables and chairs, suggesting a large indoor or outdoor event space. The lighting is bright and natural, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

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- We have come to believe that all we work for, all we have, will satisfy us.

He wants to give us salvation that fuels rest,
purpose and satisfaction.

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**The Wedding garment is a
symbol of righteousness.**

WILL YOU RSVP YES TO THE
INVITATION OF HIS

Grace?

