



FRIEND, HOW CAMEST THOU IN?

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The Invitation and the Requirements

- The man who didn't have the right garment for the wedding didn't come uninvited; he was invited. The king's servants sent out invitations to all the people at the king's bidding.
- Surprisingly, he was asked how he came to the event. This means that the man was missing something.
- In African weddings, the owners of the wedding usually send out invitations on cards with specific instructions and requirements that the wedding guests may need to meet.
- The man in the parable came to the wedding responded to the invitation but yet did not meet the requirements.
- May we ask ourselves how we found ourselves in the Message. Not everyone in the Message has met the requirements of the Message, despite being in the message. Yes, one can be in the right place but yet lack the requirements.

The King's Expectations

- *“And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless”* (Mat 22:12). The man knew where the wedding would take place, just like we know the messenger of the age and the Message of the Hour. The question is, do we meet the requirements for the Message?
- The king was clear in his invite, for he prescribed a dress code for all who would attend the wedding. Likewise, we need to be clothed with the righteousness of the Lord Jesus.
- When we come to the message, he has prescribed a way we ought to come to the message. We are in the right way, but are we walking according to his will in this very way?

The Right Garment

- The king's servants (ministers of the Gospel) are sending out invitations with requirements for one to repent and change their ways.
- This man was never transformed by the Word of God.
- We are given instructions to receive the Holy Ghost, to be modest, to be faithful to our marriage partners, to avoid a life of lies, to avoid doing abominable things before the Lord. These are among the instructions the King is expecting us to meet.

Transformation and Requirements

- Apostle Paul admonishes us not to be conformed to the world but to be

transformed from it.

- Are we therefore willing to be transformed because when the master looks at us, will He be able to see us meet the requirements prescribed for us?
- If the Lord can't see you with His garment, then there is a problem. And quite alright, we need to 'come just as we are', but as we come, we should get transformed.

Prayer and Transformation

- Our prayer should be for the Lord to help us meet the requirements He has given us.
- We are surely in the right place and have come in, and before he comes in to check on the wedding guests, may He help us by changing and transforming us to have the requirements needed for this wedding.
- Before the King comes out, as we are in the right place and the right message, may he grant us victory.
- As you start your day, the place we are is the right place to be, but may He grant you the grace to overcome the challenges you face there.
- If the Lord is leading you, it means you are in the right place, and all you need is the right requirement to overcome, and that requirement is the Holy Ghost.
- Brother Branham called us to "come out", but it didn't end there; we needed to get in, and as we have come, the Lord needs to mould us to meet His requirements.

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