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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Classes* 10:00 AM

AM Worship 10:45 AM

PM Worship 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes* 7:00 PM

(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

Today's Sermon:

*BS: Where Did We
Come From?*

AM: Why Are We Here?

*PM: Where Are We
Going?*

*Audio CD's are available
free of charge in the foyer.*

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*If you have any questions regarding
what we teach and practice, please
feel free to ask*

We would like to invite you to a

Gospel Meeting

April 18-23

with speaker:

Jarred Currence *of Norton, OH*



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
	<i>10:45 AM</i>
	<i>6:30 PM</i>
<i>Mon.—Fri.</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>

"Come now, and let us reason together,"
—Isaiah 1:18

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Do You Have A Wedding Garment

Brett Hogland
via-The Charlottesville Beacon

When we read the parable of the wedding feast (**Matt. 22:1-14**), we find one who attended the feast not dressed in a wedding garment. The outcome of this event was for him to be bound hand and foot and cast into outer darkness. Why was the King angry at this guest? After all, He did invite the guest to come. Was the King unfair?

Looking more closely at this parable, we see that many were invited to the wedding feast, but they refused to come to the feast. Therefore, the King sent servants again unto them and they still would not come. We see some of those invited were not content with just not attending, for they *"treated them (the servants) spitefully, and killed them."* Then the King destroyed them and said, *"The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy."*

Those invited should have been waiting, preparing for this very feast, but they were not. These should have known, but they refused the knowledge that would have saved them. Subsequently, the King invited any and all who would come to the feast; even those who were ignorant of His blessing. The Kings servants invited all they could find to come to the feast.

When the King entered He found some guest were dressed appropriately, yet one guest was not properly dressed. The outcome of this was to earn the King's wrath.

This tells us that we must be found dressed properly for the coming wedding feast. However, what does it mean to be properly dressed?

To be dressed properly, we must change those things about ourselves that are not in

conformance with the King's wishes. If we attempt to join His wedding party, but change nothing about our condition, we stand to inherit the King's wrath as well.

The apostle Paul referred to the good news of our being invited to the feast and our need to change our garment in the letter to Romans. *"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."* (**Rom. 8:1**) Paul soon concludes: *"So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God."* (**Rom. 8:8**) This tells us, if we have accepted the invitation of Christ, we are free to enter (no longer condemned) if we change our garment (fleshly or worldly conduct) for a proper garment (Spiritual or Godly conduct).

Jesus also mentions this, when telling the adulterous woman *"neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."* (**John 8:11**) She would be free, if she would "sin no more." As He went on to say, *"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* (**John 8:12**) If we wish to accept the invitation of our Lord, we must not keep wearing the garment stained with sin, but we must put on the garment of light. Thus we will, as Jesus told the adulterous woman, "go and sin no more."

If we desire to accept the invitation of our Lord, we must change or conform our life (garment) to what the King wishes us to wear. We should not deceive ourselves into thinking He will accept whatever we wish to give Him.

When the apostle Paul wrote to Christians, he reminded them time and again to have this change in our lives. He tells those in Rome: *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that ...perfect will of God."* (**Rom. 12:2**) He also tells those at Ephesus, they *"should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk... and be renewed in the spirit of your mind..."* (**Eph. 4:17-24; cf. Col. 3:1-4**). The apostle Peter also says, *"Therefore gird up the loins of your mind...not*

conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance." (I Peter 1:13-21) The message of the gospel is consistent throughout the scriptures.

The necessity of changing our garment is not what many are teaching. This is "no wonder! For Satan transforms himself into an angel of light" (II Cor. 11:14), and he does not want you to change your garment. Remember, it was he who said to Eve, "You shall not surely die." (Gen. 3:4).

However, God's word teaches us otherwise. When we study the doctrine of Christ, it's all about repentance (Mark 2:7). If one truly repents, then he no longer dwells in the condition he repents of. Change of mind is necessarily required to be repentant. This is the beginning of our change into our 'wedding garment'.

When our Lord returns, will you be asked, "Why are you not in a proper wedding garment?" Remember, "many are called, but few are chosen." (Matt. 22:14).

Defined By Our Love For God

Gary Henry

***"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God,
the Lord is one! You shall love the
Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your
strength" —Deuteronomy 6:4,5***

Our love for God ought to be our defining characteristic and the thing that determines our action. If there is to be a fixed center point around which all our other characteristics revolve, the love of God should be it. There is no statement of more fundamental, far-reaching importance than the famous

statement of Moses to Israel: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." No less an authority than Jesus quoted this text when He was asked what was the greatest commandment in God's law.

In any person's life, the objects of that person's love make some kind of comment as to his or her character. As Arsene Houssaye said, "Tell me whom you love, and I will tell you what you are." But if this holds true in general, it is also true with respect to God. In assessing the quality of our character, all anyone ever needs to know is the answer to this question: how deep is our love for our Creator? When that question has been answered accurately, the very root of our personal being will have been discovered. And if the truth is that we do not love God, then nothing else can compensate for that deficiency.

Our love for God is to be an all encompassing, consummate love. To love Him with all our heart, all our soul, and all our strength means that many other concerns (some of which by themselves are quite important) must be subordinated to our love for God. And this is not a thing that we can do once and for all and then forget about it. Putting the love of God at the center of our hearts and keeping it there is a matter of DAILY DECISION. When we neglect this daily decision to love God, it doesn't take more than a few days for the chaos to begin creeping back in. So we must resist this tendency at all costs. We must draw the lines of demarcation where they ought to be drawn — and thereby "define" ourselves as people who truly do love God.

***"We must spiritually renounce all
other loves for love of God or at least
so hold them in subordination to this
that we are ready to forego them for
its sake; yet when we find God, . . . we
find in and with him all the loves
which for his sake we had foregone"***
—William Temple

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Dave Harless
Announcements	Tim Henderson
Song Leader	Earl Miller
Scripture	Matthew 3
Reader	Ken Prager
Prayer	Dan Marton
Speaker	Jarred Currence
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Chuck Isinghood
Fruit of the Vine	Harold Marshall
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve	Matt Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Ed Roberts

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Tim Henderson
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Scripture	Matthew 4:1-11
Reader	Earl Miller
1st Prayer	Chuck Isinghood
Speaker	Jarred Currence
Communion	Don Coen, Sr.
Closing Prayer	Dave Harless

Wednesday

Announcements	Tim Henderson
Class Prayer	Meeting
Song Leader	Meeting
Invitation	Jarred Currence
Closing Prayer	Meeting

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

- Please continue praying for our Spring Gospel Meeting, April 18-23 with Jarred Currence
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband
- Jerry & Dottie Henderson are in Blackfoot, ID. Jerry just finished a meeting and will continue working there for the next couple weeks
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Kris Shane
- Gabriel Taylor, 4 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Valley Haven:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

Ann's Retreat:

- Josephine Clow

At Home:

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please call:
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