

A bride in a white dress is shown from the waist down, holding a large bouquet of flowers. The bouquet is composed of various roses in shades of pink, yellow, and orange, along with greenery. The background is a soft-focus view of green trees under a light sky. The image has a torn paper effect at the bottom edge.

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THE WEDDING BANQUET

MATTHEW 22:1-14

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1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying:

2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.

3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

4 “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner:



**Matthew
22:1-14
NIV**

My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

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

6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them.

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



**Matthew
22:1-14
NIV**



8 “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come.

9 So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’

10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there

**Matthew
22:1-14
NIV**

who was not wearing wedding clothes.

12 He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

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.'

14 "For many are invited, but few are chosen."



Matthew 22:1-14 NIV

This parable is about the “kingdom of heaven/God.” v2.

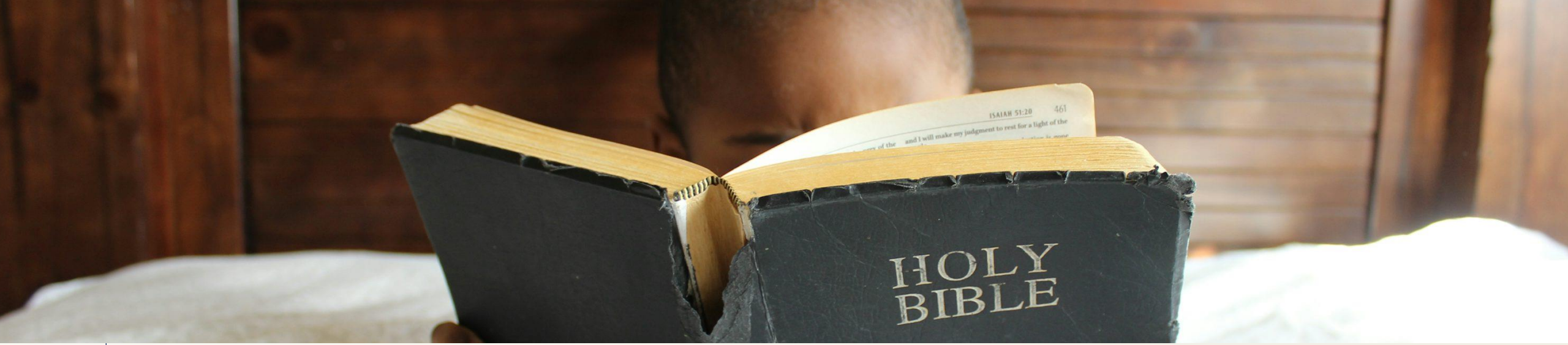


“kingdom” – (Greek) “basileia”

- does not refer to “territory ruled by someone”

Commonly refers to:

- “reign or supreme authority that exists without any particular physical or political boundaries”
 - “kingship, royal power, sovereignty
 - “dominion, reigning
 - “act or manner of controlling
 - “position of supreme rulership”



**“But if I cast out demons
with the finger of God,
surely the kingdom of God
has come upon you.”**

LUKE 11:20

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah saying: “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.”

Matthew 3:1-3



Jesus claims kingship of Israel through His Davidic lineage



Revelation 22:16

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

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Jeremiah 23:5

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.”

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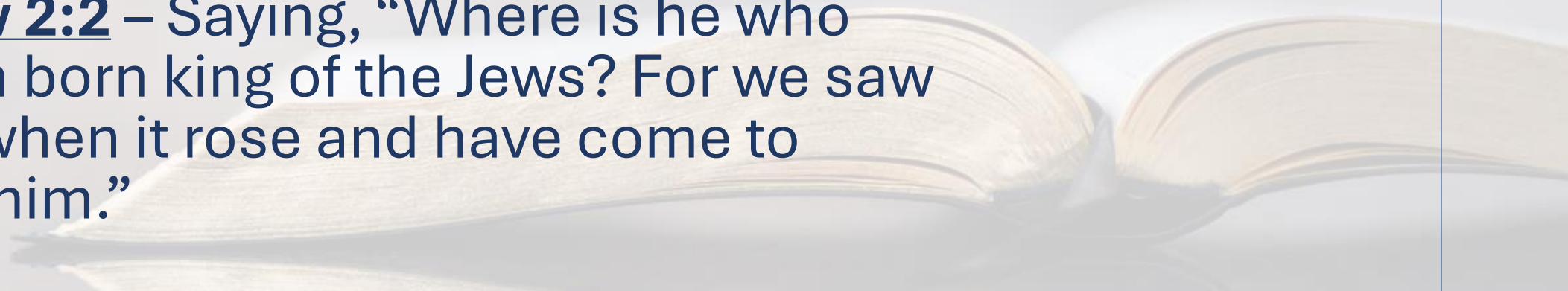
Isaiah 9:6-7

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Luke 1:31-33 / Matthew 2:2

Luke 1:31 -33 – “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Matthew 2:2 – Saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”





And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

ROMANS 15:12

I. The divine invitation is an offer of grace, love, and eternal life from the Heavenly Father.(vv. 3-4, 8-10)

- To partake in the divine banquet
- To be part of God's family
- To share in the joy of His Kingdom
- An invitation extended to all.



Conditions of entry to the Kingdom of God



- **Childlike trust – Mark 10:15**

“Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”

- **To be born again of God’s Spirit – John 3:3**

Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

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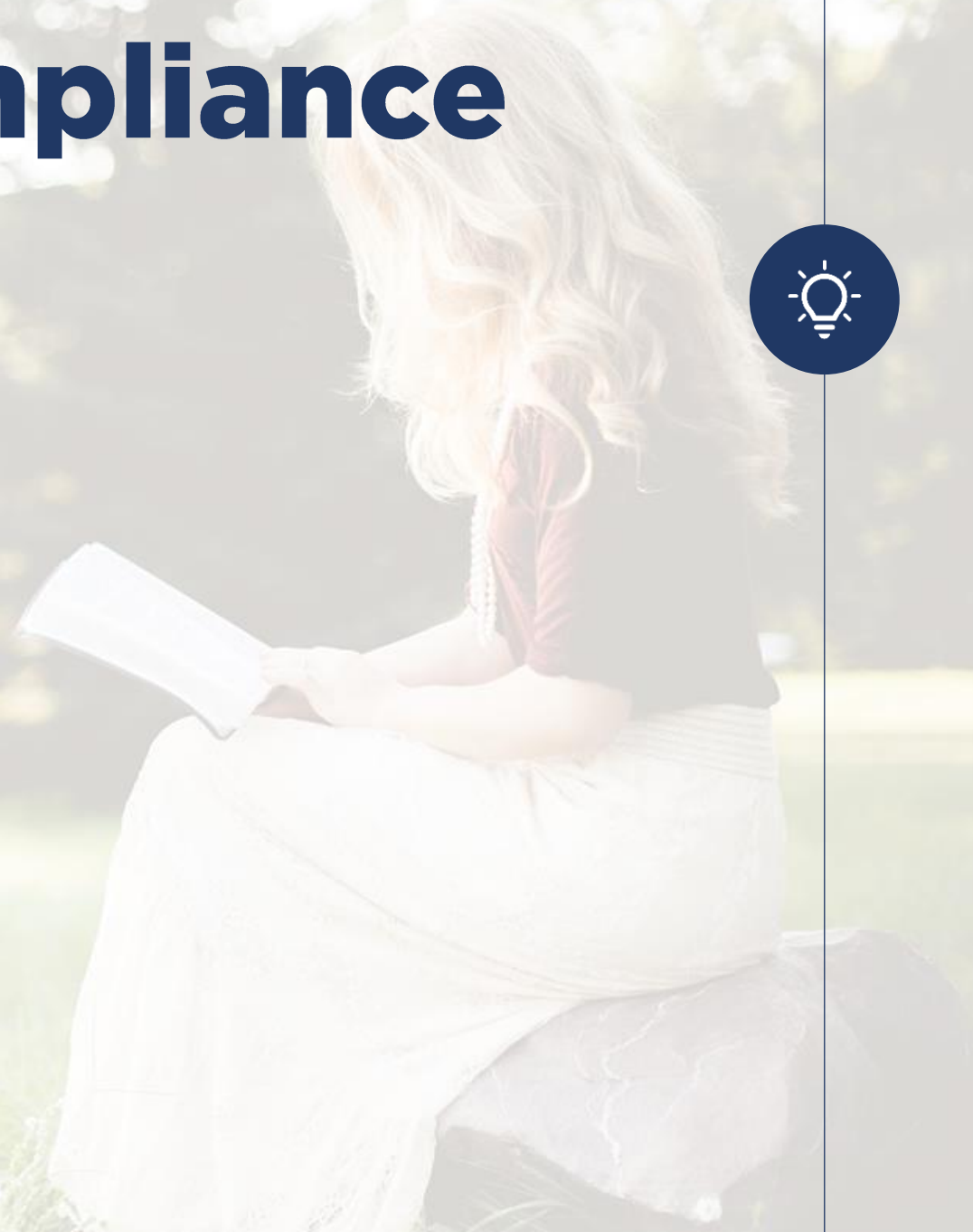


- **Obedience to God's will – Matthew 7:21-23**

“Not everyone who says to Me, “Lord, Lord” shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name. And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.”

II. Dress Code Compliance (vv. 11-14)

- The king's fury (v11)
- The confrontation (v12)
- The consequence (v13)
- The conclusion (v14)



III. Kingdom Principles

- a heavenly kingdom
(John 18:36-37; Rev. 21:1-8)
- Incongruent to this world
(Romans 14:17-18)
- a kingdom of forgiveness
(Matthew 18:21-25)
- Will be fully established on His return
(Matthew 24:30-31)
- Will replace all earthly authority
(Rev. 11:15-17)
- Will have no end (Luke 1:33)





Consider with which of the three groups of invitees you most closely associate with:

- Distinguished/elite/VIPs who declined the king's invitation
- Commoners who arrived appropriately dressed for the wedding banquet
- The individual who attended but did not demonstrate respect for the king and the occasion.

Reflection



Pray with us

For “whoever calls on
the name of the Lord
shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13

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