

*Mat 22:1-6 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, (2) "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. (3) "And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come. (4) "Again he sent out other slaves saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are all butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast.'" (5) "But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business, (6) and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them.*

As we think of God as the King and Jesus as His Son, we can picture the Jews rejecting God's invitation

Rom 3:1-3 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? (2) Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God. (3) What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?

*Mat 22:6-7 and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them. (7) "But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire.*

We see God punishing Israel by the destruction of their nation and the Temple in which God had dwelled by the Roman Armies

*Mat 22:8-10 "Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. (9) 'Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find there, invite to the wedding feast.' (10) "Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests.*

As we look at this we are mystified that both good and evil are called.

The answer is given in the next few verses. Those evil are cast out.

*Mat 22:11-13 "But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes, (12) and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And the man was speechless. (13) "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

Act 20:28-31 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. (29) "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; (30) and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. (31) "Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.

2Ti 2:16-18 But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, (17) and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, (18) men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

1Co 15:12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1Co 15:13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;

1Ti 1:19-20 keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith. (20) Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme.



“the outer darkness” – 2Th 1:7-10 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, (8) dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. (9) These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, (10) when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed – for our testimony to you was believed.

*Mat 22:15-16 Then the Pharisees went and counseled together how they might trap Him in what He said. (16) And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any.*

Traps often come with flattery. Jesus is the Master teacher and carefully looks at their intent before answering.

*Mat 22:17-21 "Tell us therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?" (18) But Jesus perceived their malice, and said, "Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites? (19) "Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax." And they brought Him a denarius. (20) And He said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" (21) They said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."*

Rom 13:1-4 Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. (2) Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. (3) For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same; (4) for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

1Pe 2:13-15 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, (14) or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. (15) For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

*Mat 22:23-25 On that day some Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to Him and questioned Him, (24) saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'IF A MAN DIES, HAVING NO CHILDREN, HIS BROTHER AS NEXT OF KIN SHALL MARRY HIS WIFE, AND RAISE UP AN OFFSPRING TO HIS BROTHER.' (25) "Now there were seven brothers with us; and the first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother;*

*Mat 22:28-32 "In the resurrection therefore whose wife of the seven shall she be? For they all had her." (29) But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures, or the power of God. (30) "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. (31) "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying, (32) 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."*

The Sadducees are quickly defeated in their test by the tense of the verb in Mt 22.32.

We must be careful in our studies.

Mat 4:3-4 And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." (4) But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"



*Mat 22:34-36 But when the Pharisees heard that  
He had put the Sadducees to silence, they  
gathered themselves together. (35) And one of  
them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him,  
(36) "Teacher, which is the great commandment  
in the Law?"*

The Sadducees are the ruling group and a rival  
sect of Judaism.

Jesus answers first with the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment and then with a pick not from the 10 – one which the Jews failed miserably.

Lev 19:18 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

In Luke's account of this test (Lk 10.25-37), Jesus tells them the parable of the good Samaritan, illustrating the failure of the most religious among them to do the Father's will.

*Mat 22:41-46 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, (42) saying, "What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?" They said to Him, "The son of David." (43) He said to them, "Then how does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying, (44) 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT THINE ENEMIES BENEATH THY FEET"'? (45) "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?" (46) And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.*

Peter takes up this question of Ps 110.1, in his sermon on Pentecost where he reveals Jesus is the Christ.

Act 2:29-32 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. (30) "And so, because he was a prophet, and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS UPON HIS THRONE, (31) he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY. (32) "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

If Jesus has been raised to be seated on the throne,  
He is Lord of all.

Act 2:33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. 34 "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, 35UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET.'" (36) "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ -- this Jesus whom you crucified."