

“They Made Light of It” – Part 2

Matt. 22:1-14

Introduction:

- A. In part one, we noticed the seriousness of taking the things of the Lord lightly.
 - 1. The invited guests and the guest without wedding garment.
 - 2. Sin, salvation, marriage, church, and attendance.
- B. In this part, we notice five others areas that are often taken too lightly.

Discussion:

- I. People Often Take *Worship* Too Lightly.**
 - A. By carelessness in what they do in worship to God. (John 4:24; Mt 15:9).
 - B. By carelessness in how they worship – lack of reverence and godly fear (cf. Heb 12:28).
- II. People Often Take *Bible Study* Too Lightly.**
 - A. The danger of ignorance (Hos. 6:4; Acts 17:30).
 - B. The need to study (2 Tim. 2:15; Acts 17:11).
 - 1. Neglect church’s Bible classes – preparation and participation.
 - 2. Neglect home Bible study.
 - 3. Merely read for a kind of therapy, little real study.
- III. People Often Take Their *Appearance* Too Lightly.**
 - A. Little concern for dressing modestly (1 Tim. 2:9-10).
 - 1. **Modest** - “orderly, well-arranged, decent, modest”...”. (Vines)
 - 2. **Shamefastness** - “that modesty which is ‘fast’ or rooted in the character” - Vines.
 - 3. **Sobriety** - “Habitual inner self-government, with it constant rein on the passions and desires ...” (Vines)
 - B. Little concern about dressing lasciviously.
 - 1. Lasciviousness is a work of the flesh (Gal. 5:19).
 - 2. **Lascivious** – “1. Characterized by or expressing lust or lewdness, wanton. 2. Tending to excite lustful desires” (Webster’s New World Dictionary.)
 - C. Little concern about hair length (1 Cor. 11:14,15)
- IV. People Often Take *Serving Others* Too Lightly.**
 - A. By ignoring legitimate needs (Matt. 25-34-46).
 - B. By shifting persons responsibility to the church (1 Tim. 5:16).
 - C. By enabling spongers (cf. 2 Thess. 3:10).
- V. People Often Take *Teaching* Too Lightly (cf. John 6:44,45).**
 - A. By taking responsibility *to* teach lightly (cf. Jesus and woman at well).
 - B. By taking responsibility *of* teaching lightly (Jas. 3:1-4)

Conclusion:

- A. We need to “get real”, “get serious” about things that pertain to God and His word.
- B. We need to remember what happened those in the parable who “made light of it.”