

## **SCORNING THE SON**

### **MATTHEW 22: 1-14**

Introduction:

The Father has decided to honor His Son. In this parable that Jesus gave toward the close of His ministry, He reveals the will of the Father with reference to the Son.

The Son has taken a bride, and the Father decides to provide a marriage feast for His son. Clearly in the parable the king is God the Father, and the son is Jesus the Messiah and Son. The servants in the first part of the parable are the prophets and apostles that carried the invitation first to the Jews and then later to the Gentiles.

But the heart of this parable is a lesson about scorning the Son. Dr. Craig Keener so labels this section of the Gospel of Matthew. When I read his heading for the section in the IVP Commentary, my heart responded at once. This is what this passage is about.

Our attitude toward and response to the Son is of special concern to His Father. When you scorn the Son you deeply offend the Father. Consider these lessons from the parable about scorning the Son.

#### **I. THE CAUSE OF SCORNING THE SON.**

1. The Son is scorned because of a bad attitude toward the Father.

2. The Son is scorned because of preoccupation with lesser things.
3. The Son is scorned because of vain self-sufficiency.

## II. THE CHOICE OF SCORNING THE SON.

1. Those who scorn the Son reject the invitation of the Father.
2. Those who scorn the Son reject the provision of the Father.

## III. THE CONSEQUENCES OF SCORNING THE SON.

1. They are banished from the joys of the kingdom of God.
2. They are consigned to the judgment of God.