

SERMON NOTES

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THE PLACE OF HONOR

Luke 14:1, 7-24

I. HONOR IS WHAT WE LONG FOR

(Luke 14:7, 18-20) When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ...“But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ Still another said, I just got married, so I cant come.”

II. HONOR COMES TO THOSE HUMBLLED BY THE FREE OFFER

(Luke 14:11, 15, 21-23) For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. ...When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.” ...The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, “Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.” “Sir,” the servant said, “what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.” Then the master told his servant, “Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.”

III. HONORED GUEST BECOME HUMBLE HOSTS

(Luke 14:12, 21) Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.” ...The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, “Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.”