



Meditation #9

Fill It Up

Experiencing the Fullness of God in Every Way!

Come and Get It on 39th Street!

“Come; for all things are now ready.”

Luke 14:17

Let notice be served: if you do not desire what God has for you, someone does.

In our text of focus the parable of Jesus reveals our God, who comes face to face with the experience of rejection. God is seen as the great host who has taken great care and given great expense in preparation for a feast honoring His chosen guests. There's one problem. The chosen and honored guests have other commitments. They ask to be excused, which really means they tell God “no”. Or at best, they say, “later for you God”.

Clearly, God is seen as having poured His heart into the preparation for them. This is evident based upon the resulting anger of the host who resents being rejected after having gone through so much sacrifice. Without question, there is a tenor of emotional investment in the text, as God is seen as having laid His best on the table. See the contours, the shape and shine, of the fine china that adorns. Imagine the ambiance, set by the beauty of the blaze of the candles. Feel the cloth of the table, its texture, its tone, its design. Smell the aroma of the food, perfectly prepared and seasoned for the moment. Know the heart of the host, who gave his best to arrange it all, and yet knew only apathy and rejection in return.

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God's response? In my spiritual imagination, I can hear Him saying, “No they didn't, after all I've been through, and I know I've got the best thing going!” We must know that God's blessings are made for us, but they serve a higher purpose than us. We must know that God's sacrifice was made with us in mind, but it will not wait forever on us. We must know that we are irresistible to God, but we are not irreplaceable in service to God. If you don't want what God's got at His house for you, somebody does. While you can, get to His house. In fact, fill His house. Yeah, fill it up! He's got something ready for you now! Come and get it on 39th Street!

Pray this:

Lord, awaken me to the significance of my role in filling your house. Touch my heart so that I feel your heart, and know the sacrifice you have made for me.

Thank you for preparing a blessing tailor-made for me in your house.

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