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Affronting a Host's Honor

The International Sunday School Lesson for February 6 is: The Marriage Feast."-Matt. 22:1-14.

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

ema, I encountered a Shinto festival, thich lusty, shouting coolies carhe sacred ark containing the mirinhlem. An obliging Japanese as been in Hawaii and so spoke English, explained to me. "God

me the size of a people's god will tell you all that needs to be small and portable and limited robe. can never make a nation or an vidual great. The ancient Hebrews often of the greatness of Jehoas compared with the smallness of gods of the heathen. Only an Almy God can serve our world in

raight from Matthew's biography esus as if designed especially for present time, comes the story that ermon about the gracious king honor was affronted by those he had invited to the wedding

sking nothing of anybody, and mal ways. ience least of all. We have dilut-

any case be disagreeable to any- friends.

mies of the Orient. All of which the Infinite. With reverence and some such feeling of uns as marked the Hebrew and Lord of lords. God is dignity may not safely be af-"For I the Lord thy God am Osa who treated lightly the high about the kingdom of heaven we es overlook the most importof all, which is that it is the ce of the King on His throne r puts it, "Do let God be God." lose we quote the lesson story it. from the Weymouth Translation:

Enin Jesus spoke to them in fig-Kingdom of the Heavens," He may be compared to a king who brated the marriage of his son, and his servants to call the invited

is to the wedding, but they were illing to come. Again he sent other servants with nessage to those who were invited. "My breakfast is now ready," he my bullocks and the fat cattle ade: come to the wedding."

or was stirred, and he sent his headache, dullness, feverishness.

me, in rural Japan, back of Hiro- | but those who were invited were unworthy of it. Go out therefore to the countless company of missionaries who

> invite to the wedding." and gathered together all they could sionaries," thus: find, both bad and good, and the banqueting hall was filled with guests. "'Now the king came to see the guests; and among them he discovered one who was not wearing a wedding-

""My friend," he said, "how is it that you came in here without a wed-'The man stood speechless. Then

the king said to his servants, ""Bind him hand and foot and fling him into outer darkness: there will be the weeping aloud and the gnashing of

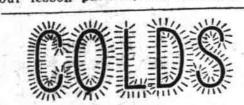
"'For there are many cailed, but few Is Religion a Feast?

Observe that the parable portrays livities of his own son. The para- the kingdom of heaven as a festival. is a picture of the kingdom. says Faith produces not a famine or a fast, point of it all is the offended and joyousness of life. The ascetics ness and good will of the king. and anchorites and hermits of the earolemnizing reminder of the great- ly church, whose caves may still be and dignity of God is this lesson seen in the wild places of the near Ours is a soft and lawless east, misinterpreted the message of the Coremony, politeness, respect Master. If Christianity cannot work reverence have gone out of fash- out successfully in normal relationship long with modest raiment. The it cannot work out at all. Jesus, guest ite conception of God nowadays at weddings and banquets, put the good fellow," easy-going, toler- stamp of His approval upon life's nor-

When any one goes to Christ, he Diety down to vague impulses of goes to an enlarged life, and not to a narrowed one. There is "fullness of fashionable God is no longer "a joy" in His presence; an enrichment of us God"; he cares nothing about all experiences. To the friend of God, in communion with Him, this earth twentieth century God is quite as seems fairer, its flowers bloom more the parable, in driving out the guest of the golf course and the auto- brightly, its people show more kindly, without a wedding garment. We miss speedway on Sunday as he is its daily round is more filled with hap- the point, that the raiment for the temple reared for his worship piness. We give up nothing worth feast was among the "all things" made or the exposition of his word. He keeping, and we attain all things most he laws that are not subject to worth having, when we enter the ion by Mrs. Grundy. And he could goodly fellowship of Christ and His

That a king should so patiently and ger a Supreme Being-"holy and repeatedly invite unappreciative guests and is His name"-but a charac- to a wedding feast is the weak point codeless, complacent, cheerful in the parable; but that very fact reor Nothing. He is the anti- yeals the amazing grace of God. He is the God of our fathers, the kind to the unthankful and the evil. of Israel and the Gody of Holy His bounty is extended to the undeserving. The guests who missed their opportunity had no excuse to offer.
On Mt. Sinal it was necessary to Commonly this parable is interpreted where before being admitas representing the double rejection of made for us including the "robe of patience of Jehovah.

Ill Treated Servants On the principal street of Pekin is a huge granite arch erected by the Chinese government as one of several forms of explation for the murder of we should address the King a German ambassador by the Boxers. To dishonor an ambassador is to disis of His throne-rights. His sov- honor the ruler whom he represents. Even in semi-civilized lands the sanctity of ambassadors is recognized. lous God." This parable is a tale They are above all local laws. All the prestige and power of a king is incaror of God. With all of our modern nated in his ambassador. So when in our lesson parable, the thankless peo-



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The wedding banquet is ready, ance, tastes nice, contains no quinine. gence.—Gladstone

every minister of the Gospel, every er service on earth equal to it. The lesson theme calls up thoughts of the cross-roads, and everybody you meet are today bearing the King's invitation to the feast of feasts. Robert Mc-'So they went out into the roads Intyre closes his long poem, "The Mis-

> And still o'er all the earth they fare, where'er a soul has need; My heart leaps up and calls to them: O Brothers mine! God speed!

> What time within the jungle deep ye watch the daylight die, Or on some lonely Indian steep see dawn flush all the sky.

Far is the cry from here to there, yet hearken when we say: Ye are the brethren of the Book: in Khartoum or Cathay,

Tis ye who make the record good, 'tis ye, O royal souls! Who justify the Chronicles, writ in the ancient scrolls. 'O Missionaries of the Blood! Ambas-

Our souls flame in us when we see where ye have fearless trod At break of day; your dauntless faith our slackened valor shames. And every eve our joyul prayers are jeweled with your names."

That Wedding Garment When the chosen rejected the invitaon, it was extended to the highways, the great multitude of common people. makes all things ready, and leaves nothing for the beneficiary to do but to accept the opportunity, is set forth in the story. And as they have been doinvitation.

Many minds have been troubled by the apparent harshness of the king in ready by the lavish host. When the American commission on mandates recently visited Damascus, Emir Feisal gave them a Bedouin banquet; and every guest was furnished with a full Arab costume. Nobody was inspected as to raiment

when the hosts from the highways thronged to the wedding feast; God wants us to come to Him just as we are. But although the terms of admission to His banqueting house are so free, yet after entrance, when we beso must one do in the mosques People: who are a monument to the mity to the standards of the place Failure in this respect, in the parable, was akin to the affront offered the king's dignity by those who had spurned the first expressions of his hospitality. All who dwell with the King for His honor must conform to His provisions. The beautiful garment of holiness is required of all who accept His gracious invitation. Godliness is incumbent upon the children of God. SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS

The law of the harvest is to reap you reap a habit; sow a habit, and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.-George Danna

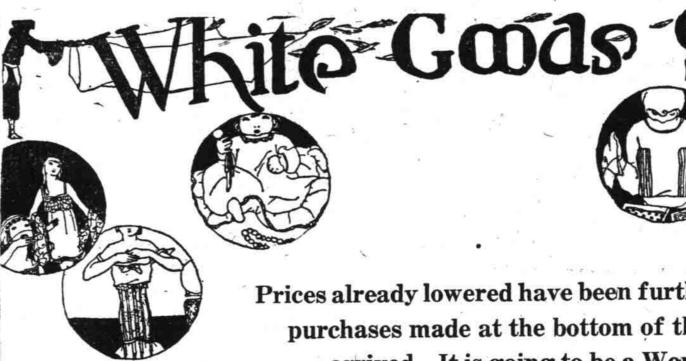
count this thing to be grandly true: That a noble deed is a step toward God, Lifting the soul from the common clod To a purer air and a broader view.

holiness brought in a personified form before him.-Henry Ward Beecher. If my heart be narrow, what avail to me that the world is large-Arme-

nian Proverb. The Man who remains master of himself never knows defeat .- Charles

Being all fashioned of the self-same dust Let us be merciful as well as just. -Longfellow.

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