



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Luke 14:1-14 (NAS)

Topic: "Christ Addresses Man's Selfishness"

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- 1 It happened that when He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees on the Sabbath to eat bread, they were watching Him closely.
- 2 And there in front of Him was a man suffering from dropsy.
- 3 And Jesus answered and spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"
- 4 But they kept silent. And He took hold of him and healed him, and sent him away.
- 5 And He said to them, "Which one of you will have a son or an ox fall into a well, and will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?"
- 6 And they could make no reply to this.
- 7 And He began speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they had been picking out the places of honor at the table, saying to them,
- 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him,
- 9 and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this man,' and then in disgrace you proceed to occupy the last place.
- 10 "But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will have honor in the sight of all who are at the table with you.
- 11 "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."
- 12 And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and that will be your repayment.
- 13 "But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,
- 14 and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

### **INTRO: THE SELFISHNESS SICKNESS**

#### **I. JESUS INVITED FOR DINNER**

- A. Probably After The Sabbath Worship (Positive Action)
- B. A Man With Dropsy At The Door
- C. Pharisees Watching To See What Jesus Would Do
- D. Probably A Set-Up
- E. Jesus Asked A Question – No Answer
- F. Jesus Healed The Man

G. Jesus Confronts Their Sin

#### **II. A CLOSER LOOK AT THE RETORICAL QUESTION**

- A. No Answer Expected
- B. Jesus Confronts Their Hypocrisy
- C. They Were Misusing The Word Of God

#### **III. THIS HYPOCRISY – SELF-LOVE**

- A. It Has No Compassion
- B. There Is An Absence Of A Teachable Spirit
- C. They Hold Their Point Of View Over The Word Of God
- D. Hypocrisy And Pride GO Hand In Hand

#### **IV. TWO PARABLES CONFRONTING SELFISH PRIDE**

- A. The Guests Taking The Seats Of Honor *James 1:17; 1 Corinthians 4:7; John 15:5*
- B. The Invitation Of Guests For Selfish Motives