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“THEY MADE LIGHT OF IT”

In a parable, Jesus depicted a king who made a feast for his son. When the servants went out with the invitation, the ones invited “made light of it” (Mat. 22:1–5). The point of the parable is to predict the way most men will respond to God’s invitation to honor His Son and to reveal the dire outcome of their rejection. This prophetic parable is still being fulfilled as men continue to “make light” of God and His Son in various ways:

- **Making light of God and Jesus:** Many call God “the man upstairs” and refer to Jesus as a mere man. Men frequently use Their names vainly, crudely, and profanely. Multitudes, like old Pharaoh, ask, “Who is Jehovah that I should obey his voice?” (Exo. 5:2).

- **Making light of the Bible:** Taught by several generations of unbelieving theologians, pulpiteers have robbed the masses of faith in the Bible as God’s Word. It has been “bent” to accommodate evolution. It has become subservient to feelings and emotion. Secularists now seek to destroy its influence utterly. But Jesus’ said: “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (Mat. 24:35).
- **Making light of sin:** Solomon observed: “It is as sport to a fool to do wickedness” (Pro. 10:23). Men make light of sin by laughing at it, excusing it in others, and engaging in it, as if there were no temporal or eternal consequences. Men mitigate sin by defining it out of existence as “disease” or an “alternate lifestyle.” They foolishly “call evil good, and good evil” and invite the woes of God (Isa. 5:20). All such deny that “sin is a reproach to any people” (Pro. 14:34b).
- **Making light of The Judgment and eternity:** Men convinced that they are mere animals with no immortal spirit behave as mere animals. They live for the moment, believing there is no life beyond the grave and no accountability for behavior. Thus they think they should “eat and drink, for tomorrow we die” (1 Cor. 15:32). Such will be horrified at their continued consciousness after death, from which they will be raised to stand before Jesus the Christ in a Judgment that will have eternal repercussions (John 5:28–29).
- **Making light of Jesus’ Invitation:** Jesus came to rescue all men from sin and its consequences, both in time and eternity (1 Tim. 1:15). He invites all men to cast their sin-burdens upon Him, and He promises rest (Mat. 11:28–29). Yet the masses reject the only avenue they have to God (John 14:6). As the king in the parable, God will destroy all who “make light of” Him, His Son, and Their Way.

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