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Titus 3:3-8

The Kingdom is Open to the UNWORTHY

Luke 4:16-30

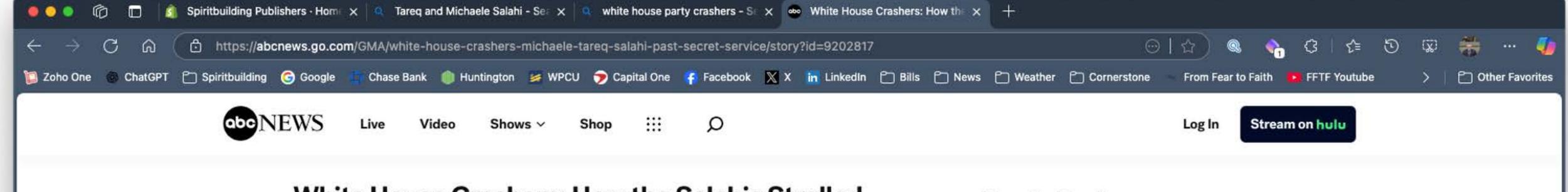






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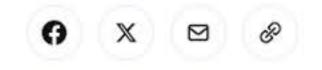




White House Crashers: How the Salahis Strolled Past Secret Service

New details emerge about the Salahis two-hour White House masquerade.

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Nov. 30, 2009— -- Nearly a week after aspiring reality-TV stars <u>Tareq and Michaele</u> <u>Salahi crashed the Obamas' first state dinner</u>, new details have emerged about the couple and <u>their daring two-hour masquerade</u> on the White House grounds.

Sources tell ABC News the leading theory in the ongoing Secret Service investigation is that officers at the initial White House checkpoint waived the couple in, assuming that their names would be checked against a guest list at the next one.

ABC News cameras first spotted the <u>Salahis arriving at the White House</u> with a Bravo Network TV crew in tow around 7 p.m. ET on Nov. 24.

The couple proceeded through the first checkpoint and continued several hundred yards to a second screening station, where their names should have been checked but apparently were not. The Secret Service says here the Salahis went through a metal detector and were checked for weapons.

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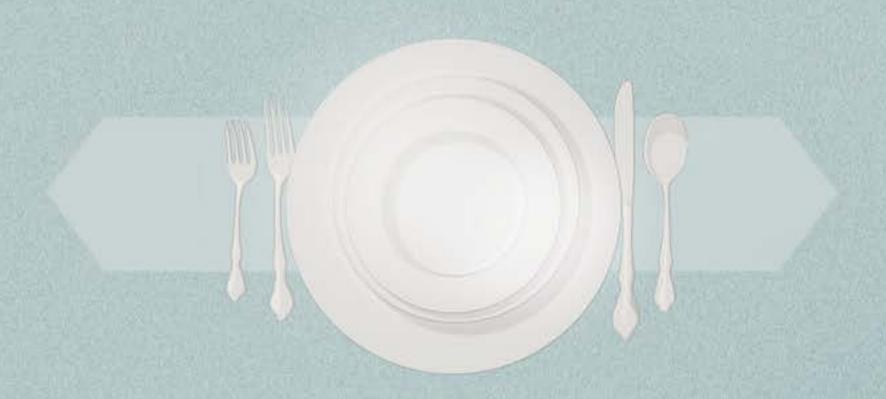
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The Gracious Invitation

Matthew 22:1-4



The King's Desire: Celebrate His Son

"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who gave a for his

son.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who gave a wedding banquet for his

Grace Upon Grace

He sent his servants to summon those invited to the banquet,...

...but they didn't want to come.

MATTHEW 22:4

Again, he sent out other servants and said, 'Tell those who are invited: See, l've prepared my dinner...

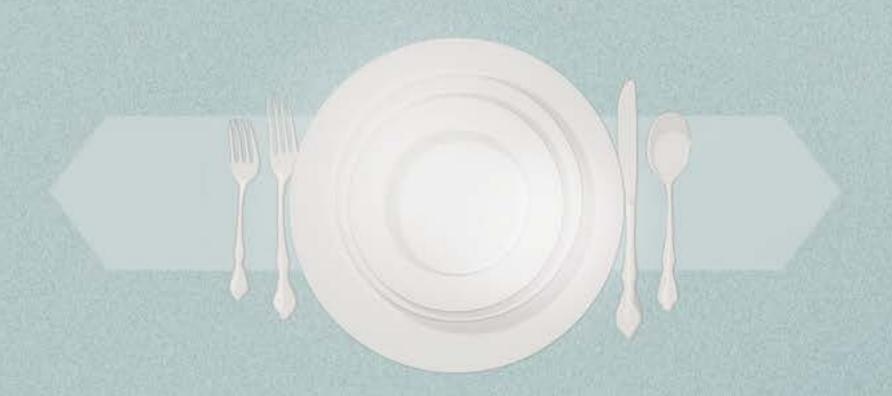
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... my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

... my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' **CSB**

The Invitation is Rejected

Matthew 22:5-7



Indifference and Hostility

"But they paid no attention and went away, one to his own farm, another to his business,

while the rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

Judgment Falls on the Rejecters

The king was enraged, and he sent out his troops, killed those murderers, and their city.

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The king was enraged, and he sent out his troops, killed those murderers, and burned down their city.

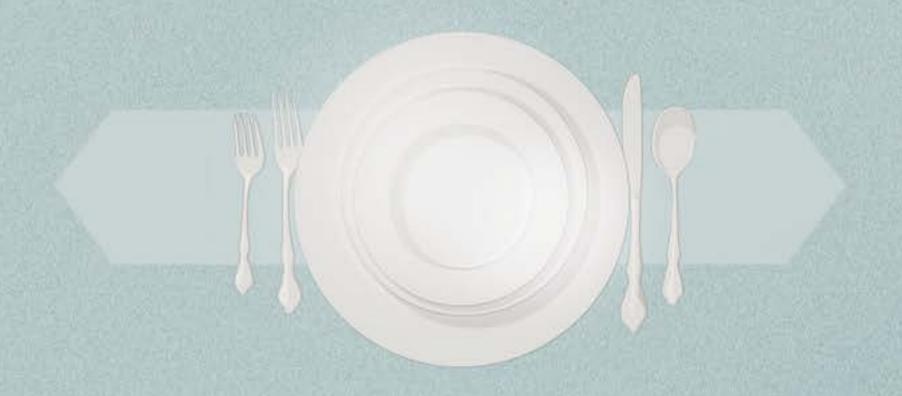
Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruit. **CSB**

so that all people may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor who sent him. the CSB

so that all people may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. CSB

The Invitation ... To the Unexpected

Matthew 22:8-10



"Then he told his servants, 'The banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not

"Then he told his servants, The banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

Go then to where the roads exit the city and invite everyone you find to the banquet.'

The New Guest List: Both Evil and Good

MATTHEW 22:10

So those servants went out on the roads and gathered everyone they found, both

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So those servants went out on the roads and gathered everyone they found, both eviland good.

Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males,

no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom.

And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. **CSB**

God's Kingdom will be Filled

The wedding banquet was filled with guests.

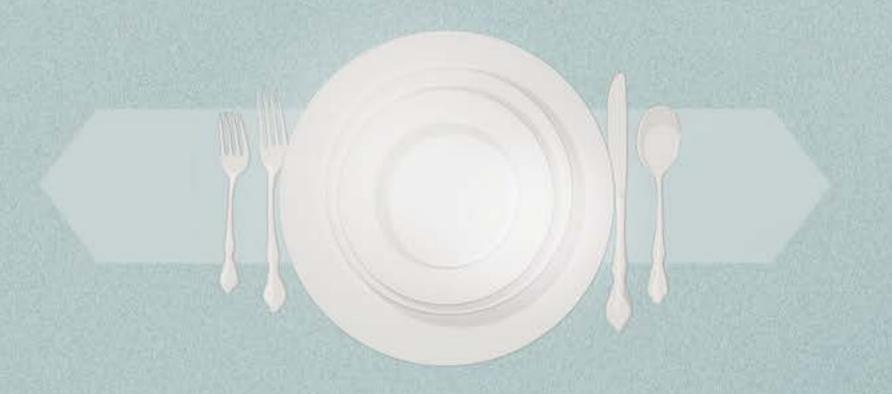
Matthew 22:10

Everyone the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never cast out.

John 6:37

The Invitation Demands a Response

Matthew 22:11-14



When the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed for a wedding.

MATTHEW 22:12

So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?'

MATTHEW 22:12

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The man was speechless.

The Garment: Clothed in Righteousness

ISAIAH 61:10

I rejoice greatly in the Lord, I exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation and wrapped me in a robe of righteousness, as a groom wears a turban and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. CSB For those of you who were into Christ have been clothed with Christ.

GALATIANS 3:27

For those of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ.

The Judgment: Cast Out of the Celebration

"Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him up hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' **CSB**

"For many are invited, but few are chosen."

As We Close...

