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The man in Mt 22:11 had ignored the BASIC obligation placed on him when he accepted the king's gracious invitation – the very reason he was saved (Eph 2:8-10). It was to prepare him for the wedding feast in Rev 19:7-8. He was supposed to wear clean clothes. To come to the wedding banquet unprepared or in soiled garments (Jms 1:21) would have been insulting to the king who invited him. In this parable the wedding garment refers to the man's righteousness gained by the deeds he had done in the Body (Eph 2:10). Our own righteousness must surpass the Pharisees (Mt 5:20). So if we are to enter the reign of the king, the judgment of 2 Cor 5:10 must find us in spotless clothes (Gen 17:1). Because the man was unprepared, the king declared him unworthy (Rev 3:4-5).

In Mt 22:13, "Bind him hand and foot" means no more lawless deeds or unco-ordinated actions or movements in the Body. He was finally speechless. He had no justification or defense. In Mt 22:12, *speechless* refers to the words one speaks. *Garments* refers to our works, as Jn 17:22 — the inner worth imparted to us, which is expressed outwardly by what we do and what we say, which demands the respect of our brothers and sisters, which bonds us all in oneness as the Father and the Son.

1 Pet 4:11 means not speaking his own words, doing his own will, and doing his own thing. Eph 2:10 are the works prepared for us which prepare us for Rev 19:8. The prepared works we are to walk in prepare us for the wedding feast. He failed to prepare himself for it (Mt 22:12). In Revelation, the garment of fine linen worn by the Bride of the Lamb is said to be the good deeds of the Holy Ones (Eph 2:10; 4:12; Rev 21:2; 3:18; 1 Pet 4:10-11).

Mt 22:10 refers to both bad and good — no one is better than what he says and what he does (Mt 12:37).

Mt 22:14 — Not all those invited will be chosen, and among the chosen how many will remain faithful followers until the end (Rev 17:14; 19:14; Mt 24:13), faithfully carrying out the King's will, doing the deeds prepared for them to do, which prepare them for the wedding banquet?

Mt 21:44 — *Powder or dust* refers to Dan 2:35,44 (Rev 19:15). Unless a person falls on the stone and is absolutely and genuinely broken with repentance, he will not endure through the narrows into the restful and peaceful harbor (of the kingdom, Lk 13:23-24).

The works prepared for us prepare us for His reign in the kingdom. We have a great and awesome invitation to rule with Him and go to the marriage feast with pure garments.

If the bride is to stand before her husband in a pure linen dress, that dress must be made for her during this life in the Body. It is as if daily there is a weaver working on a loom made especially for each of us. He sits and waits for the threads of fine linen to weave into each man's garment. Daily he receives those precious threads as our lives are busy in doing those good works prepared for each of us. We all must seek our Father for His will to be done in our lives, always looking out for the good deeds He may want us to do.

As we receive our daily direction, as we see our name on the schedule, as we are "sent" and "called" we can trust that our Father has those deeds prepared for us. There is a great weight upon each person in a place of authority.

From the imma who prepares her children's daily responsibilities (having a "will" for her child), to the crew head, to the kitchen covering, to the café schedule maker, etc., etc... Those people are in a position to direct the saints into the deeds that were prepared for them. They diligently seek our Father to know how to direct the lives in their care, looking to adjust the saints. They must be sensitive to our Father's heart and mind. And the choices that each of us make over our own lives as individuals in those spaces of time each day that are not specifically scheduled are also important.

For if the deeds we do each day are not those prepared for us, then the "weaver" sits idle, waiting for the threads of linen to weave his fine garment. If we squirm and connive to get our own way, and be able to do our own will, then we neglect the deeds prepared for us. The result is the same — no linen for the weaver. Thus we develop a pattern in our lives of avoiding the proper deeds and figuring a way to do our own things, and in the end we will find ourselves standing awkwardly in the midst of the great wedding feast among those who are properly dressed.

Oh, the great embarrassment when the attention was all turned to that man who was not properly dressed. Every

eye was on him. Yes, he was invited to the feast. But when he reached for his wedding garment, he found that the weaver had not had sufficient precious threads of linen to complete his garment... The lawless deeds, the independent actions, had left him naked and speechless, with no excuse!

If the man in Mt 22:12 had walked in the works prepared for him he would have been prepared for the wedding feast in Rev 19:8. It's either Eph 2:10 and 1 Pet 4:11 or it's Mt 25:30.

These works in Eph 2:10 weave the garment. This man did not have on a wedding garment, but was naked and speechless. His works were vainglory, and also his words (Jn 17:22).

The man had no good works (1 Cor 4:5; 2 Cor 5:10; Titus 2:14), but only lawless deeds. He spoke according to his own mind, not according to the Spirit. So, he was not dressed and ready and he was speechless. He had no defense, no justification. He could not justify himself or defend himself, as he had done all his life. He was a Nicolaitan (Rev 2:6,15). He served in his own strength. He buried all his talents (Mt 25:14-30; 7:21-23).