

God's INVITATION to his BANQUET

- 1. Those who <u>reject</u> will <u>regret</u> their refusal.
- 2. The refusal of **some** becomes the opportunity (invitation) for **others**.
- 3. God's love is <u>undeniable</u> and <u>unstoppable</u>. He does not "shut down" because of anger or disappointment. He moves elsewhere looking for positive response.

priorities are more important to me. My time must be given to them. Consequently, I do not have time for God.

God's Kingdom is symbolized by **food**, something every person absolutely **needs**. (How insulting to infer that we are too busy for food!)

GOD (banquet) is only available during a <u>limited window</u> of time.

Each person is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement. (*Hebrews 9:27*)

Now is the time of God's favor. Now is the day of salvation. (II Corinthians 6:2) The God who created <u>us</u> and our <u>world</u> finds his **CREATION** in **COMPETITION** with **HIMSELF** for our affection and time.

TIME REPRESENTS:

- interest/attention
- love/respect
- · value/worth

HOW DO I GIVE GOD TIME?

Spending time to **know** and **understand** God (Bible/church)

Spending time to **communicate** and **worship** God (prayer/church)

Spending time to <u>serve</u> and <u>represent</u> God (promoting the mission of the church) (promoting the message of the gospel)

