



# Thinking of Others

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# MORNING READING

## Malachi 1:6-8 NIV

**A son honors his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?” says the LORD Almighty. “It is you priests who show contempt for my name.**

**“But you ask, ‘How have we shown contempt for your name?’**

**7 “By offering defiled food on my altar.  
“But you ask, ‘How have we defiled you?’  
“By saying that the LORD’s table is  
contemptible. 8 When you offer blind  
animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong?  
When you sacrifice lame or diseased  
animals, is that not wrong? Try offering  
them to your governor! Would he be  
pleased with you? Would he accept you?”  
says the LORD Almighty.**

# MAIN READING

## Luke 14:7-24 New International Version

7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 8 “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated,

**you will have to take the least important place. 10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. 11 For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."**

**12 Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite**

**your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”**

## **The Parable of the Great Banquet**

**15 When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”**

**16 Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. 17 At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’**

**18 “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’**

**19 “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’**

**20 “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’**

**21 “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the**



house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

22 "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

**23 “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. 24 I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”**

**Luke 14:11**

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## **Luke 14:12**

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## **Galatians 2:10 New International Version**

**All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.**

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**John 14 6**

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.



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## **Psalm 69 28**

**May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.**

## **Psalm 69:28 New Living Translation**

**28 Erase their names from the Book of Life; don't let them be counted among the righteous.**