

***“Dressed yet Undressed”***

***Philippians 4:1-9***

***Matthew 22:1-14***

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**Prince William and Kate  
Middleton had 1,900 guests  
30 million online viewers  
Prince Charles and Princess Diana  
– 750 million watched 'live'**



## Matthew 22:4, NIV

*4“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’*

## Matthew 22:5, NIV

**5 “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business.”**

### **Matthew 22:6-7 ESV**

*“6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.”*

### **Matthew 22:8-10, ESV**

*8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.*



*Snooker player penalised for wearing wrong pants  
(Sportsworld)*

Ding Junhui dinged frame for wearing wrong trousers  
(BBC)

Chinese snooker player Ding Junhui was denied the opening frame of his 4-3 win .....after arriving in the wrong-coloured pants.....a seemingly inconspicuous pair of brown pants, .... the dress code at the tournament stipulates all black clothing.

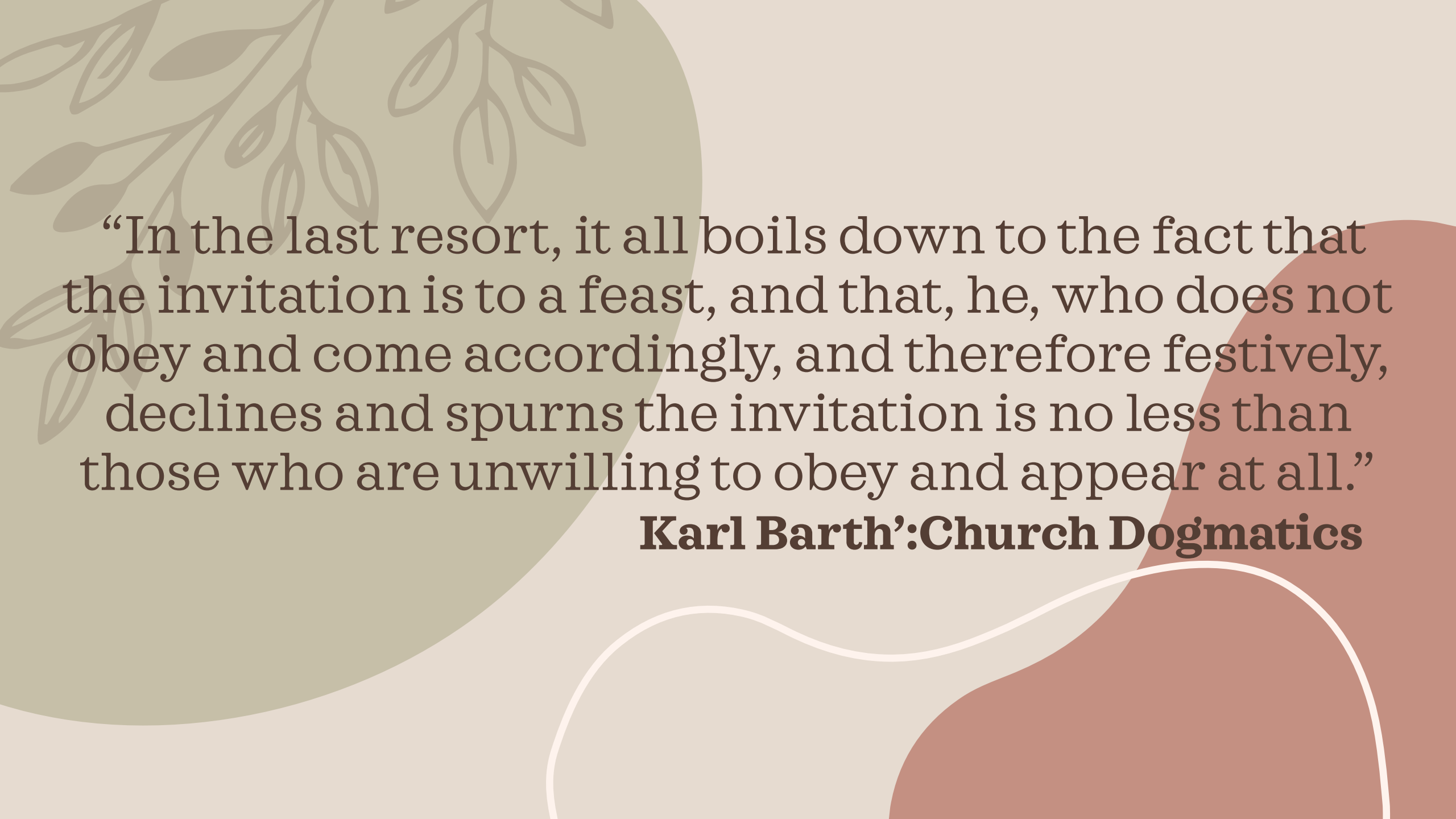
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**Matthew 5:20,48; ESV**

20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

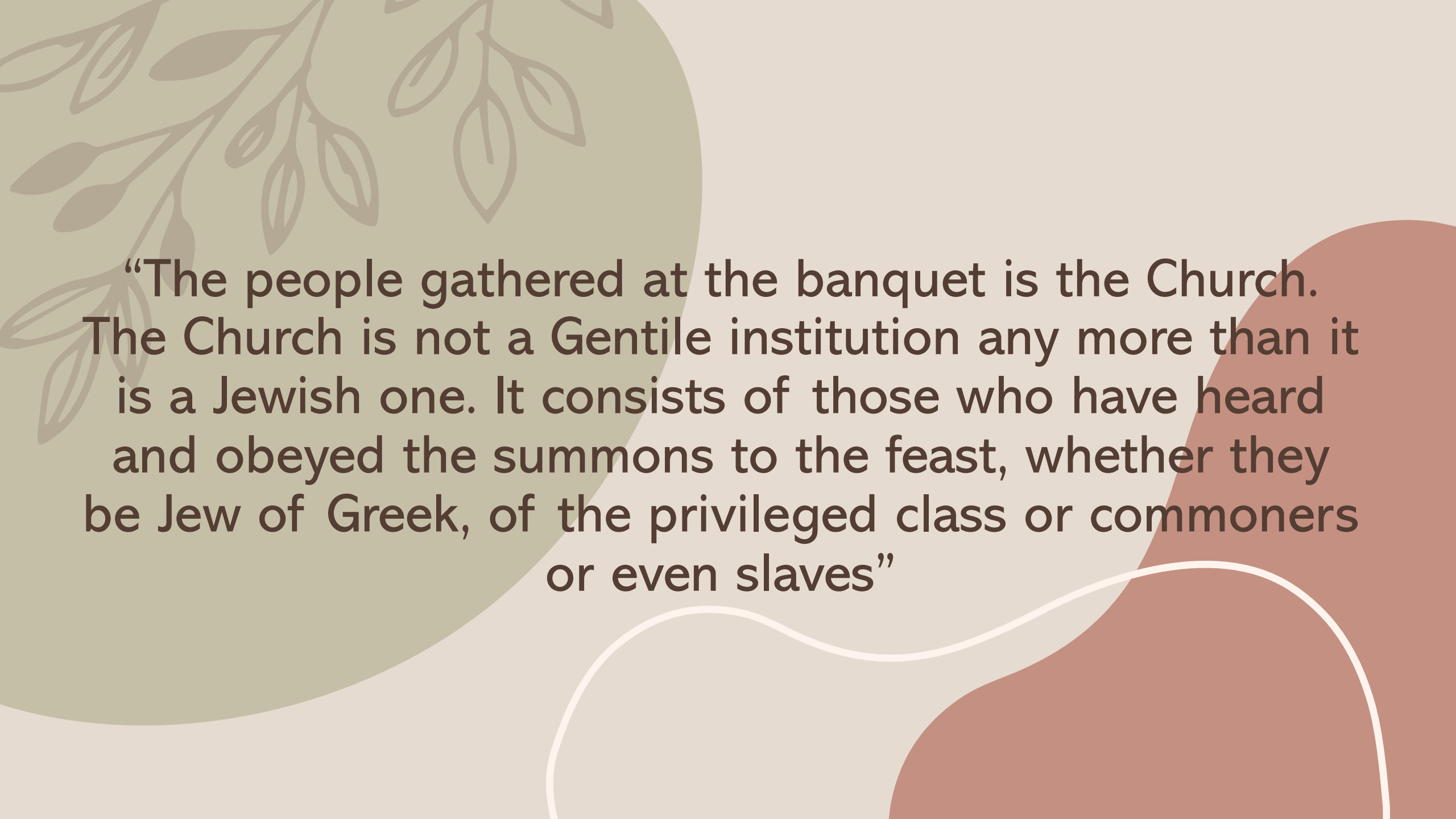
48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



“In the last resort, it all boils down to the fact that the invitation is to a feast, and that, he, who does not obey and come accordingly, and therefore festively, declines and spurns the invitation is no less than those who are unwilling to obey and appear at all.”

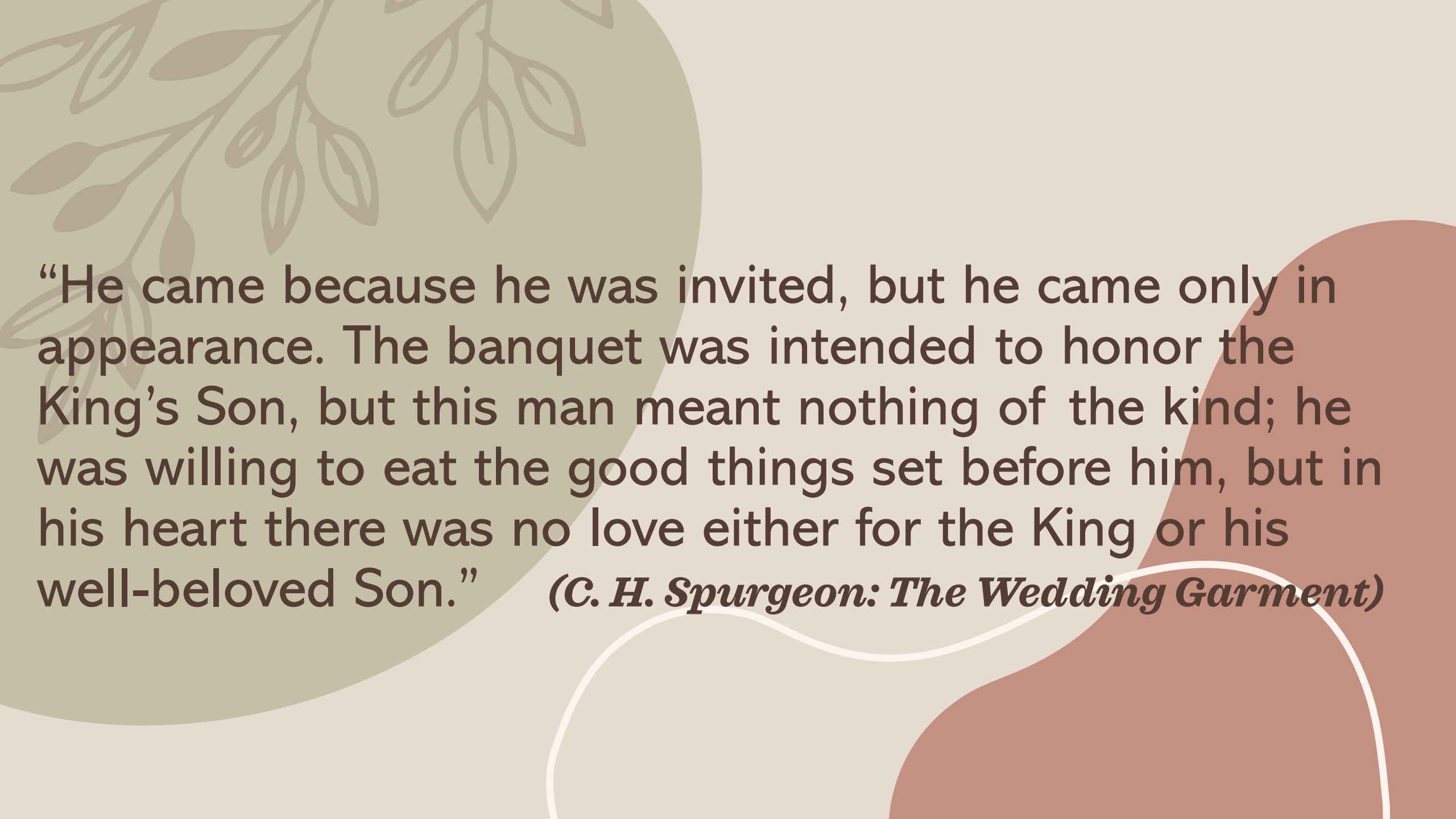
**Karl Barth':Church Dogmatics**





“The people gathered at the banquet is the Church. The Church is not a Gentile institution any more than it is a Jewish one. It consists of those who have heard and obeyed the summons to the feast, whether they be Jew or Greek, of the privileged class or commoners or even slaves”





“He came because he was invited, but he came only in appearance. The banquet was intended to honor the King’s Son, but this man meant nothing of the kind; he was willing to eat the good things set before him, but in his heart there was no love either for the King or his well-beloved Son.”

*(C. H. Spurgeon: The Wedding Garment)*



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