

for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 2:13



Construction of Water Pump for Well -- North Darfur, Sudan

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob ...

Open your mouth wide and I will fill it ... with honey from the rock ...

Psalm 81:1, 10b, 16b



Sweet Honey in the Rock, African-American Gospel choir

Happy are those who fear the LORD ... They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Psalm 112:1b, 4

Blessed are the Merciful

Arlington Street Church Boston, MA Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2



Abraham, Sarah, and the Three Visitors

Catalan Cloister Musee du Cluny Paris, France "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid."

Hebrews 13:6b



Psalm 23 -- John August Swanson, serigraph, 2010

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.



Pharisees, detail from John the Baptist Bearing Witness -- Francesco Granacci, Met Museum, New York

He said ... to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors ...

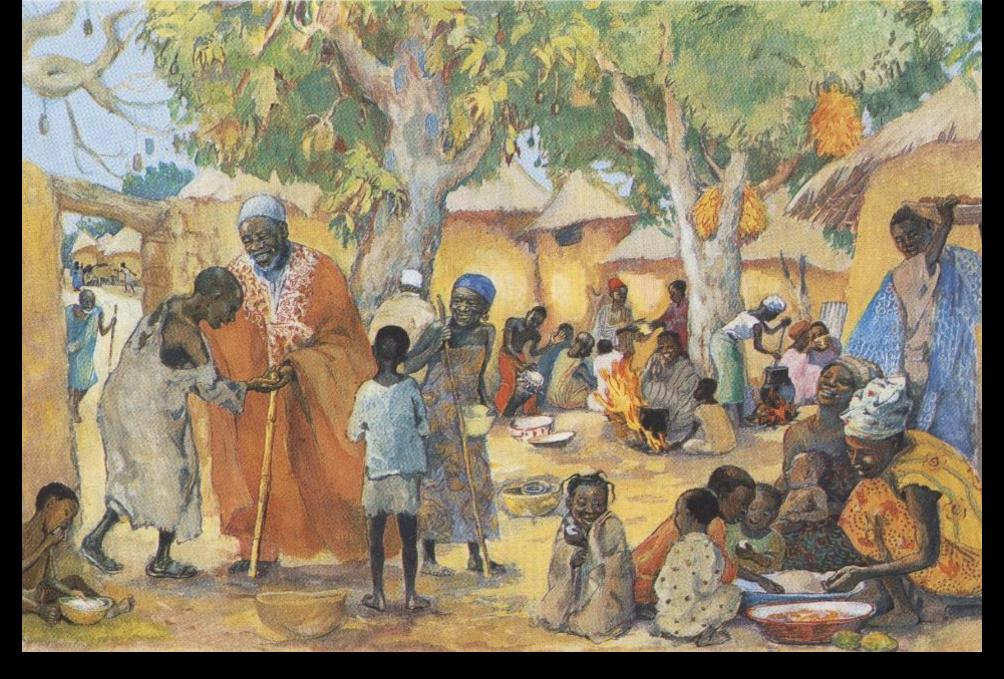
Luke 14:12a



Guests, detail, Banquet of Herod

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Spain

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.



The Poor Invited to the Feast -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



Waiting for the Blessing -- Mycola Pymonenko, Rybinsk Museum, Rybinsk, Russia

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."



Among the Humble

Leon
Lhermitte
Met
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