

## **"The Redeemer"**

Matthew 22:1-14

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Uncle Floyd is baking a cake, a carrot cake at that. He had the flour and salt and sugar all measured. He had the butter at room temperature. He had the carrots all grated and the raisins ready to stir in.

And then realized he has no eggs in the refrigerator! Oh! What to do.



He rushed off to the supermarket to purchase a dozen eggs. He picked up the eggs, which cost exactly \$2.59. He rushed over to the check out to buy the eggs and realized he only had one nickel! Five cents!

Oh no, again!! What to do. He did not have enough money! He stood there at the checkout lane and felt very foolish.

He looked up at the cashier and began to explain. But the cashier, who does not even know Uncle Floyd said "Well. Look here at what I just found! A coupon for **\$2.50** off a dozen eggs." See!

So, with the coupon for \$2.50 and his own nickel, he is still \$.04



short. Well, for crying out loud! Then, to Uncle Floyd's surprise, the cashier reached into his own pocket and added \$.04 beside the nickel. That, plus the coupon added up to the needed \$2.59, the exact amount he needed. Uncle Floyd went back home, amazed and astonished at his good fortune. The cashier REDEEMED the coupon, plus even more!

Jesus said that Heaven is like a wonderful feast. A banquet table filled with the best food you can imagine, like carrot cake and turkey and potatoes and gravy and some food so good, you cannot even imagine it.

And the truth is, and this is the bad news, none of us are good enough to go to this feast in heaven. Because all of us have fallen short. We have all done at least one bad thing in our life. And some of us know we have done many bad things in our life. That's the truth.

But, the good news is, that by the GRACE of God, who loves each and everyone of us, the good news is that JESUS has given us a coupon.

That is why He is called the Great Redeemer.

And that is called **GRACE**.



When Uncle Floyd returned to his kitchen, he cracked the eggs and stirred them with a fork and finished putting all the ingredients into the bowl.

As he used the spatula to scrape the batter into the cake pan, Uncle Floyd thought about that coupon for \$2.50 and the \$.04 from the cashier. And he thought about the **Grace of God**. He said this prayer:

"I reckon I owe you a heap of thanks, Dear Lord, for the best coupon of all, the one that Jesus the Great Redeemer has given me for the feast in heaven."

**AMEN**