



## "Parable of the Garment & Wineskins!"

Matthew 9:14-17

### 1. Jesus was addressing the showy/outward spiritual things that the Pharisee's loved for people to SEE them doing "for God"! It showed their bad hearts!

- Verse 13 "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture..."
- Jesus cites Hosea 6:6 which is Moral issues over anything ceremonial or ritual!
- People "Acting Spiritual", "Title/Position" or "Performing a ritual / for show!"
- Not staying with Scripture, but going outside of it! Amos 3:7, Ephesians 2:20, Hebrews 1:1-2, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Titus 1:5 (Elders...not Apostles and Prophets). Why? I Corinthians 4:9 & 15:8!
- How interesting in Revelation 2:2 that they were trying to claim to be Apostles!
- WARNINGS against False Apostles & Prophets in the NT! Why? It is very easy to spot...they were not preaching or sharing the Scripture!
- How do we know? Paul, Peter, John...they tell us these are false prophets because they are outside of the Scriptures! Just read the letters to the churches!
- What did Paul tell Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:2? Why? 2 Timothy 3:16 & 2:15, Mark 16:15 and Romans 1:16! The Gospel of Jesus is the written Word! We have it all in there!
- People want to feel spiritual rather than be spiritual! They will go out of their way to say that they have this new or special revelation from God outside of Scripture.
- Remember, one of our main verses for Endurance Church here is I Corinthians 4:6 "Do not go beyond what is written!" In other words...always stay 100% with Scripture! Why? Because you get puffed up and prideful and become self-spiritual! I Timothy 4:13 & 15
- Because the "New Wine" is not new revelation! Look at Revelation 22:18-19!
- The Book of Revelation is the FINAL Book about the FINAL Time! It literally tells of every PROPHECY that will be coming to happen in the future!

### 2. The New Testament is the New Covenant and all of the Promises within it!

- The Pharisee's refused to accept Jesus as Messiah, the New Covenant that He would bring through His death and Resurrection, and they loved their RIGID ceremonial rituals! The were STIFF-NECKED! Acts 7:51!
- The Pharisee's LOVED when people watched them do their religious duties! They always focused on the outward, ritual and traditional ceremonies which 100% neglected the inward, eternal and moral precepts of God!
- Harsh, judgmental, critical, self-righteous and rigid...not pliable to receive Jesus!
- Jesus had to address this often with them! Matthew 12:7.

- What they actually did was to corrupt God's Word, God's Ways, and **pollute** the Gospel of Jesus! So...Jesus gets asked a question on fasting...**verse 14**.
- Please understand, these are John the Baptist's disciples, and their motives were not like the Pharisee's to be seen, heard and look super spiritual!
- But, in tagging the Pharisee's in the question, Jesus saw that the influence of the Pharisee's even on John's disciples was strong!

### **3. A Wedding Party! Verse 15** - this is a time of JOY not mourning since Jesus was on earth!

- It is a time of repentance by trusting Christ...not mourning in ashes! Turn directly to Him! Follow Him wherever He goes! (*We see the Disciples drop their nets immediately!*)

### **4. The Garment / Patch!**

- **Verse 16** The point? That NEW cloth does not work with OLD material!
- It doesn't mean that the OLD was bad or did not accomplish its purpose!
- Jesus is telling them that you can't PATCH the NEW Testament Covenant onto the OLD Covenant ceremonial laws and traditions!
- The Pharisee's LIVED for the Old Testament ceremonies and traditions! They absolutely rejected Jesus and the New Covenant through Him! **Rigid! Stiff-Necked!**

### **5. Wineskins!**

- **Matthew 9:17**
- Old Wineskin = Yeast = Fermentation = Spilled wine because the OLD wineskin would burst! It was rigid!
- New Wine Skins had no mature Yeast cells or Fermentation. Not rigid but expandable!
- New wine = Gospel preserved from change or loss! No corruption or pollution would cause the Truth to fall short of being pure! **The end of verse 17 "...preserved"**
- What is the Yeast = Pharisee's polluting and corrupting the Gospel message by not letting go of their OLD ways! They did not love God...they loved their titles and position!
- **Matthew 16:6-12** – Pretty simple explanation!
- **Matthew 5:20** – Very dire warning on not twisting the Gospel or corrupting it!
- **Galatians 5:7-10** & **1 Corinthians 5:5-7**
- Pharisee's teaching = Corrupted God's original message of Jesus as Lord and Savior!
- **What is the Good News or Gospel? JESUS!**
- Jesus fulfilling every law and ceremony/ritual through His Death (Sacrifice) and Resurrection (Alive)! It is finished! It is complete! **God's Word is complete!**
- Old patterns of the Old Covenant and Mosaic Laws actually were the foundation for the New Testament to be built on!
- **Example: The 10 Commandments!** Did Jesus throw these out? Absolutely not!
- These are not ceremonial or traditional, these are moral spiritual laws!
- So, Jesus takes each one of them, and speaks on each **one in the New Testament!**
- What the Jews were required to do was taken care of by Jesus on the Cross! Preach the Cross! **1 Corinthians 1:18!**
- We are to proclaim the Good News of Jesus from the Scriptures! **Numbers 23:19**