

## Luke 5:36-39 **Old and New**

<sup>36</sup> Then He spoke a parable to them: "No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old. <sup>37</sup> And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. <sup>38</sup> But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. <sup>39</sup> And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.'" NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

#### ✠ Old and New

- ✧ Illustrations of the old and new cloth, and the old and new wine and wineskins. [Matthew 9:16-17, Mark 2:21-22, Luke 5:36-39]
- ✧ To attempt to force together the **old method of atonement** by way of continual animal sacrifices, and the **new method of atonement** by grace through faith in the blood of Jesus shed on Calvary as the final sacrifice, would not work.
  
- ✧ **The old way** of works necessitated by the Law of keeping all the letter of the laws of the old covenant, which mankind proved incapable of doing. [Acts 15:10, James 2:10]
- ✧ **The New plan of salvation** by grace through faith, and that not of yourself, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast. [Ephesians 2:8-9]
- ✧ You are not under Law, but under grace. [Romans 6:1-14, Hebrews 7:22-28, 9:11-15, 10:8-18]
  
- ✧ To demonstrate that the Old Covenant Sacrifices were done away with, and replaced by the blood of Jesus, God arranged for the Romans to totally destroy the Temple of God in Jerusalem, and scatter the remnant of the Jewish people around the world.
- ✧ The land of Israel has lain desolate for nearly 2,000 years, and Jewish worship is still forbidden to be practiced on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.
- ✧ Our only true hope has for that entire time resided in trusting in the sufficiency of the blood of Messiah Jesus Who died for the sins of the entire world, once and for all. [Romans 6:10, Hebrews 7:24-27, 9:12, 10:10]
  
- ✧ Believing that God has accepted the final sacrifice of His Son on Calvary as all that is necessary to provide a covering for the sins of the world and is acceptable to God, when an individual places his trust in God's promise regarding it, it becomes the new and better way. [Hebrews 7:22-28, 9:11-15, 10:8-18]
- ✧ Thus all praise and glory go to the Father through Jesus Christ His Son. [Philippians 2:5-11]
  
- ✠ Jesus later teaches that the old and new are both a part of excellent teaching for those fully knowledgeable in the things regarding the Kingdom of Heaven.
  - ✧ Then He said to them, "Therefore **every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven** is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old." [Matthew 13:52]
  - ✧ When teaching things concerning the Kingdom of Heaven, Kingdom of God, it is necessary to know both the Old Testament and the New Testament teachings on the subject. The old helps lay the foundation for the new, and the new explains the old.
  - ✧ The entire focus of Jesus from the ministry of John the Baptist to the 40 days after the resurrection of Jesus, was pertaining to the Kingdom of Heaven, Kingdom of God.

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[Luke 5:39]

✧ This would suggest that at the marriage in Cana of Galilee, when Jesus made wine out of water, the result was the best of aged wine. [John 2:1-11]

✧ The master of the feast was not a Christian and knew his wines, since he called the water turned to wine the best, it must have appeared to him to be the best of aged wine.

✧ This could also apply to those who were versed in Judaism, who thought the old religion of the Pharisees was superior to the new Gospel of the Kingdom presented by Jesus.

✧ This would explain why they were so determined to kill Jesus and the early Christians, and later strive so determinedly to return the Jew and Gentile believers back to Judaism. This phenomenon continues even now among the Jews in Israel and around the world.

✧ The writers of the Epistles all faced those of the "Circumcision" that continually attempted to bring Gentile believers back under the laws of Judaism and require them to become circumcised.

✧ This doctrine was opposed by all the writers of the New Testament and even Jesus condemned it when He spoke of those who teach as doctrine the commandments of men which makes the commandments of God of no effect. [Matthew 15:1-20, Mark 7:1-23]

✧ It was first addressed by the question from the Christians in Antioch of Syria which Paul and Barnabas brought to the Apostles in Jerusalem. [Acts 15:1-29]

#### Traditions of the Elders – Oral Law – Commandments of men oppose and nullify the commandments of God [Matthew 15:1-20, Mark 7:1-23]

✠ Scribes and Pharisees pushing man made Oral Law traditions which they hold at the same level of validity as the Laws of God, and they claim they were given by God at Mount Sinai (Horeb) as Oral Laws.

✧ "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." [Matthew 15:1-2, Mark 7:5]

#### Commandment of God made ineffective by Oral Law of men [Matthew 15:3-6, Mark 7:6-9]

✠ Jesus said that the Oral Law was based on the commandments of men and not from God.

✧ Jesus illustrated what He meant by asking them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"

✧ Jesus used the commandment to Honor your father and mother, and the twist the Oral law had made of it, to illustrate His point.

✧ Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition which you have handed down, and many such things you do. [Mark 7:13]

✧ "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men--the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." [Mark 7:8]

#### Hypocrisy of men's tradition [Matthew 15:7-9, Mark 7:6-7]

✠ Allowing the commandments of men, Oral Law, to override the commandment of God is Hypocrisy.

✧ This Hypocrisy fulfills the words of the prophecy of Isaiah.

"Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths

And honor Me with their lips,

But have removed their hearts far from Me,

And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men."

[Isaiah 29:13]

✧ "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition."

[Mark 7:9]

