

"The New Wineskin of the Age of the Spirit"

The Ministry of the Spirit

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INTRO ... "New Wine"

...Jesus is going to say this in a way that highlights something that we need to hear as (a) God's People ... (b) as Individuals in whom God is at work ... (c) as local churches in whom God is at work.

Luke 5:33-39 ³³ And they said to him, "The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink." ³⁴ And Jesus said to them, "Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? ³⁵ The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days." ³⁶ He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old." ³⁷ And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. ³⁸ But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. ³⁹ And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, 'The old is good.'"

3 THINGS: (1) There's Old & New ... (2) There's Disciple's Practices/Lifestyle ... (3) There's Getting Stuck in the Past (the Old Days)

Verse 39 is a commentary on the ultraconservatism, the ingrained and inflexible traditionalism, of the Pharisees and their followers. They were constantly saying, "The old is good." So they rejected the "new," fresh, life-imparting teaching of Jesus. ... Not that Jesus offered something that was entirely new, in the sense that it amounted to rebellion against the very essence of Old Testament teaching: ... But the Pharisees had buried that law beneath their man-made "traditions." These traditional teachings had been passed on from generation to generation. It was to these (by this time) old rabbinical interpretations and applications of the law that the Pharisees of Jesus' day were clinging." **William Hendriksen**, "The Gospel According to Luke (NT Comm. Series Hendriksen-Kistemaker (12 Vols.))

What Was "THE OLD" Wine? ...The Cov. Of Mt. SINAI (not merely human traditions)

...An entire system and way of life had grown up around the Covenant given at Mt. Sinai—As it should have! ...**Mt. Sinai** (1) Defined a nation/people ... (2) Placed God in a Context to These People (**the Tabernacle**) ... (3) Established a Social & Religious Calendar (the routines of life) ... (4) Defined morals and holy living ... (5) It explained how God was to be Approached & EXPERIENCED ... (6) It framed people's association with the world (other nations)

NOTE: The Religious/Societal Understanding was rather WEAK in understanding that This Mt. Sinai Content was a "Stepping Stone" to something else!—It was NOT the End Product!

Jesus comes to bring TRANSITION! ...His actions and agenda seem RADICAL—to those who are not "Anticipating Something Beyond Sinai"!! ...If you get this, you get the "shock factor" in Hebrews 12

Heb 12:18-24

Heb 8:10-11

...In and Through Christ—Something BETTER has come!—and You Cannot Make it Fit In Mt. Sinai—This is the NEXT THING in God's Unfolding Plan—It is Mt. Zion! [The "mindset" of Luke 5 was lived in the shadow of Mt. Sinai, but the N.T. Mindset is lived in the shadow of Mt. Zion and the Dawn of a New Age!] ...God "Dwells" here differently; God has different "Exchanges" with his people here; God is going to "Move-On" from some things

Thus... Jesus Illustration of "New Wine"!

(2) The Disciple's Approach to Life & Ministry

³³ And they said to him, "The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink."

...The Disciples who knew the Bridegroom Was PRESENT lived differently than disciples who Did NOT Know He was Present!

...Jesus flags this generation in Lk 19 about this— **Lk 19:41-42, 44**

...Disciples who know the Holy Spirit is PRESENT live differently than disciples who don't!

"The important truth which Jesus here reveals and which makes the passage so practical and filled with comfort especially for today is that for those who acknowledge Christ as their Lord and Savior the proper attitude of heart and mind is not that of sadness but that of gladness. If it be true that "God with us" (Immanuel) spells joy for believers, should not "God within us" (the situation on and after Pentecost) awaken in every child of God joy unspeakable and full of glory?" **William Hendriksen**, "The Gospel According to Luke (NT Comm. Series Hendriksen-Kistemaker (12 Vols.))

(3) Living in the Right Time Zone - Living in the "Right Now" of God!

³⁵ The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days."

... "Days are coming" ...I need this phrase in 3 WAYS! ...(1) In a "God's Big Story" Way (Mt. Sinai/Mt. Zion ...O.T./N.T. ...Old Presence of God/New Presence of God). **...(2) In a Personal Walk Way** (Ecc 3 - times and seasons ordained by God for you and me)(Jesus flew under the radar for 30 years!... Then, Lk 4) **...(3) In a "Group Way"** (Great Awakenings; Seasons of Revival; local Churches; etc.) ("Edwards, Whitefield, Wesley" are names we recognize because of God's Outpouring upon and through them).

?? - Do I Have an Awareness of Ordained Timing? ...Or am I just caught up in the routines of what's always been?

o Aware of God's Big Story

Jn 3:6-10 ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?"

Acts 2:5, 12-21 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ... ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."
¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.
¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

○ **Aware Personally**

Acts 19:1-6 And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ² And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³ And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴ And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

○ **Aware in a ‘Group Way’**

1 Cor 12:1 “Now concerning spiritual gifts, I do not want you to be unaware”

1 Cor 14:26 What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

I need to Understand "New Wine & New Wineskins" in 3 Ways:

...(1) In my Biblical Theology (Big Story)

...(2) In my moments/seasons where new days come (callings, assignments, seasons of serving/leading, family responsibilities, career or community or church leadership)("If we are led by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit" Gal 5:23)

...(3) In my Community Setting (church, country, revival season of the Body of Christ)