

**Mt.9.9-17 “New Things”**  
**Matthew Series: ‘THE KING IS COMING’ #121**  
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The kingdom of God is for:

- ✚ the spiritually sick who want to be **H**\_\_\_\_\_ ,
- ✚ the spiritually corrupt who want to be **C**\_\_\_\_\_ ,
- ✚ the spiritually poor who want to be **rich**,
- ✚ the spiritually hungry who want to be **F**\_\_\_\_\_ ,
- ✚ the spiritually dead who want to be made **A**\_\_\_\_\_ .
- ✚ It is for ungodly outcasts who long to become God’s **O**\_\_\_\_\_ beloved children.

**THE OTHER QUESTION vv.14–17**

Unlike the Pharisees - the question of John’s disciples was **S**\_\_\_\_\_,  
The scribes & Pharisees looked on their practices as a testimony to true **G**\_\_\_\_\_.

- In reality it was a testimony to their own **S**\_\_\_\_\_ -**S**\_\_\_\_\_ piety.

When form becomes the focus of attention, it becomes a **B**\_\_\_\_\_ to true righteousness.

It can keep an

- ❖ unbeliever from **T**\_\_\_\_\_ in God &
- ❖ a believer from faithfully **O**\_\_\_\_\_ Him.

The ... fasting ... practiced by the Pharisees was **A**\_\_\_\_\_ out of place.

- A fast is always meaningless if it is performed from habit & does not result from deep concern & mourning .... over some spiritual need.

✚ Going to Church on Sunday is hypocritical if it is done apart from a genuine desire to

- **W**\_\_\_\_\_ & **G**\_\_\_\_\_ God.

Fasting springs naturally from a broken & grieving heart, ... but fasting as a shallow spiritual ritual apart from such **B**\_\_\_\_\_ is an affront to God.

John’s disciples had no basis for **G**\_\_\_\_\_ faith since they had not followed Jesus yet.

Jesus made clear that He was teaching an entirely **D**\_\_\_\_\_ way of believing, thinking, & living.  
He did not come to improve the old system but to **R**\_\_\_\_\_ & undermine it.

The two ways cannot be connected to one another or be contained one in the other.

Jesus’ new & **I**\_\_\_\_\_ Gospel of forgiveness & cleansing cannot be attached to the old & **E**\_\_\_\_\_ traditions of self-righteousness & ritual.

The only life that can contain true righteousness is the **N**\_\_\_\_\_ life given by **G**\_\_\_\_\_ ..... when a person **R**\_\_\_\_\_ of his sin & **T**\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior.

Jesus did not set aside the divine law & usher in **G**\_\_\_\_\_ — (Nothing is further from the truth.)

Jesus declared that any opponent of the law was an **O**\_\_\_\_\_ of God (Mt.5.17–19).

God’s law & His grace have always **C**\_\_\_\_\_ & have always been perfectly **C**\_\_\_\_\_.

The **old wineskins** were not the teachings of the O.T. but the rabbinical **T**\_\_\_\_\_.

**Marks of the true believer:**

**First**, like Matthew, the true believer **F**\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

**Second**, the true believer has **C**\_\_\_\_\_ on the unsaved.

**Third**, a true believer **F**\_\_\_\_\_ legalism & ritualism.

✚ He fasts only as an expression of genuine **S**\_\_\_\_\_ concern.

✚ He does not try to attach his new life in Christ to his **O**\_\_\_\_\_ ritual or religion.

✚ He knows that what is begun in the Spirit cannot be completed in the flesh (Ga.3.3).

**Freedom in Christ has no part in the bondage of legalism.**

**II Co.5.17 -**