

Old versus New

Luke 5:33-39

I. The Reason for the Parables

- A. The practice of fasting had a rich heritage in Judaism (Leviticus 16:29-31; Zechariah 8:19, Luke 18:12; Esther 4:3; 1 Samuel 31:13).
- B. Jesus's critics questioned why He and his disciples feasted instead of fasting on the customary days.

II. The Main Point of the Parables

Jesus' arrival on earth represents something new in God's plan and calls for a new way of expressing personal faith.

III. The Lessons of the Parables

- A. True spirituality does not come through religious practices, but through the joyful association with Jesus (vv.33-37; Philippians 3:1-11).
- B. True spirituality requires an openness to welcome the new things that God wants to do in our lives (v.38-39).