# Parable of the Cloth

and Wineskins

### Outline

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#### Introduction

# First Parable? Luke 7:41-David Brown & Harmony of the Gospels

Background of Matthew 9:16

### Background

#### Question of Fasting

\*Asked by the disciples of John/Pharisees

Three illustrations used to answer

 Bridegroom/Marriage Feast
 New Cloth
 New Wineskins

#### Background

It was inappropriate for Christ's disciples to fast; he was present (feast).

 Christ broke the traditions of elders not Old Testament Law (only commanded fast day Leviticus 16:29) It was on the Day of Atonement. Pharisees fasted twice a week Luke 18:12

### **Explanation of Parables**



## Parable of Cloth

"No one tears a piece of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old."

Luke 5:36 NKJV

## Parable of Cloth

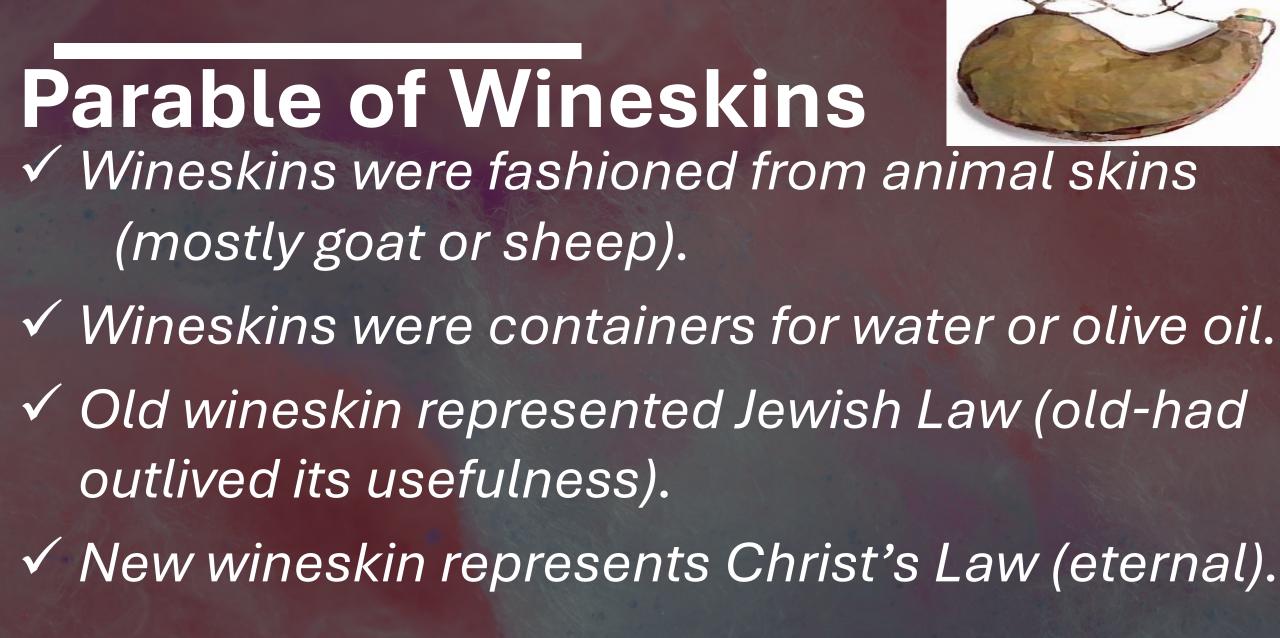
✓ Patches were common and useful at this time. New cloth was an unshrunk patch that was sewn to replace a segment of garment. ✓ Old garment represented the Jewish Law. New cloth represented Christ's teaching.

## Parable of Wineskins



"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins: else the new wine bursts the wineskins, and the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined: **but new wine must be put into new wineskins.**"

Mark 2:22 NKJV



#### **Application of Parables**

New cloth/wineskin meant change. The Jewish Law (rituals, rites, sacrifices) did not "fit" onto the Law of Christ. Mark 1:27.

Matthew 5:17- Christ came "to fulfill the law."

New cloth/wineskin is the "enduring gospel" Matthew 24:35.

## **Application of Parable**

Putting the gospel message in the wineskins of men is unacceptable.

#### Some of today's "patches:"

*infant baptism role of women*  mechanical music in worship raising hands/clapping

### **Application of Parable**

Men putting their own wine (doctrines) in their own wineskins is unacceptable.

The "wineskins" of men might consider:CatholicismProtestant ReformersPaganIdolizers of Men

# **Application for US**

#### New blessings

- True forgiveness of sins not "pushed" forward Hebrews 10:10-12
- True acceptance of God by baptism not circumcision Colossians 2:11-13

### **Conclusion/Invitation**

#### "Patch-overs" did not work then and will not now.