



*Parable of the Cloth
and Wineskins*

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Introduction

- *First Parable? Luke 7:41-David Brown & Harmony of the Gospels*
 - *Background of Matthew 9:16*
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Background

- *Question of Fasting*

 - *Asked by the disciples of John/Pharisees

- *Three illustrations used to answer*

1. *Bridegroom/Marriage Feast*

2. *New Cloth*

3. *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***
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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**.*
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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

Parable of Wineskins



- ✓ *Wineskins were fashioned from animal skins (mostly goat or sheep).*
 - ✓ *Wineskins were containers for water or olive oil.*
 - ✓ *Old wineskin represented Jewish Law (old-had outlived its usefulness).*
 - ✓ *New wineskin represents Christ's Law (eternal).*
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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.**
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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:

Catholicism

Protestant Reformers

Pagan

Idolizers 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**
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Conclusion/Invitation

“Patch-overs” did not work then and will not now.
