

Feasting and Fasting

Luke 5:27-35

Luke 5:27-29: After these things **He went out** and **saw a tax collector** named **Levi**, sitting at the **tax office**. And He said to him, "**Follow Me.**" So he **left all**, rose up, and followed Him.

Luke 5:29: Then Levi **gave Him** a **great feast** in his **own house**. And there were **a great number of tax collectors** and **others** who sat down with them.

Mark 2:15: Now it happened, as He was dining in **Levi's house**, that many **tax collectors** and **sinners** also sat together with **Jesus and His disciples**; for there were many, and **they followed Him**.

Heart, House, and Hand

Luke 5:30: And their **scribes** and the **Pharisees** **complained** against **His disciples**, saying, "Why do You **eat** and **drink** with **tax collectors** and **sinners**?"

We shouldn't be **repulsed** by **sinners** but as **Jesus' followers**... we should be **drawn** to **sinners**!

Hate the sin, but love the sinner!

Sinners should **not** be repelled by us, but as **true Jesus followers**, sinners should be drawn to us, sensing that we **love** them & have the **life** that they are looking for!

Luke 5:31-32: Jesus answered and said to them, “Those who are **well** have no need of a **physician**, but those who are **sick**. I have not come to call the **righteous**, but **sinners**, to **repentance**.”

Mark 1:15: The **time** is fulfilled, and the **kingdom of God** is **at hand**. **Repent**, and **believe** in the **gospel**.

Luke 5:33: Then they said to **Him**, “Why do the disciples of John **fast** often and make **prayers**, and likewise those of the Pharisees, **but** Yours **eat** and **drink**?”

Jesus both **modeled** and **taught** his disciples to **pray** and to **fast**!

Jesus also modeled **eating** and **drinking wine**!

Luke 7: Glutton and **Drunkard**

We learn from Jesus both **Fasting** & **Feasting**!

Conviction vs **Legalism**

Luke 5:34: And He said to them, "Can you make the **friends** of the **bridegroom fast** while the **bridegroom** is with them?"

A Wedding Celebration!

Jesus is the **bridegroom/groom!**

Jesus is **coming again** to take a **bride!**

Are you part of the **bride** of Jesus, **dressed in white?**

Revelation 1:5: **To Him** who **loved us** and **washed us** from our **sins** in His own **blood**

Revelation: 9 times, "**clothed** in fine linen, **white** and **clean**"

Luke 5:34: But the **days will come** when the bridegroom will be **taken away** from them; **then** they will **fast** in **those days**.

Acts 1:11: Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was **taken** up from you into heaven, will so **come** in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.

Matthew 24:4-8

- False Christs
(deceived)
- **Wars and rumors of wars**
- **Nation vs. Nation**
- Kingdom vs Kingdom
- Famines
- Pestilence
- Earthquakes
- Persecution
- Lawlessness abound
- Love of many grow cold
- Beginning of birth pains

Luke 21:28: Now when these things **begin** to happen, **look up** and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.

Matthew 24:6: And you will hear of **wars and rumors of wars**. See that you are not **troubled**; for all these things must come to pass, but the **end is not yet**.